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Faculty threatens frats

By HOLLY HIGINBOTHAM

The faculty approved two motions deploring the offensive behavior of certain students and threatening to close the fraternities on certain conditions at a two-hour monthly meeting on Monday, March 5.

Both motions were proposed by Victor Nuovo, professor of philosophy, in an attempt to express faculty sentiment against anti-administration behavior which occurred before and during Carnival Weekend, Feb. 22 to 25.

The second motion, which concerned the fraternities, passed by a ratio of 2-to-1 and specified that the Dean of the College initiate disciplinary action against the fraternities which have threatened the "peace of the College." If they continue to threaten and disrupt the peace, the dean was directed by the faculty to "begin procedures to close them."

Included in the motion was the assertion that the leadership of some fraternities approve of the actions and behavior "as fitting means to achieve their ends" of protesting the College's policy on fraternities. (See related article on the meeting of administrators and fraternity presidents March 1, page 3.)

The protest behavior cited in the first motion includes "intimidation of guests of the College and also of members of the College staff while they attempted to carry out their duties; flagrant violation of College rules; vandalism and thefts in the College library."

In that motion—which was passed almost unanimously—the faculty asked the Dean of the College to begin an investigation to identify those responsible for the actions and to bring charges against them before the Judicial Council. In addition, the council was asked to take prompt and decisive action in each case.

The motion directed against the fraternities underwent extensive debate, culminating in the decisions to investigate and monitor the behavior of each fraternity.

The charge for the dean to begin procedures to close certain fraternities if the misbehavior continues was kept in the motion after heated discussion.

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Committee formed To plan changes

By LISA BARBASH

A Special Committee on the Renovation, Expansion and Reorganization of Dining and Student Activity Space has been appointed by President Olin Robison. The committee was formed to implement the recommendations of the Coffrin Committee as directed by The Board of Trustees Jan. 13. The committee has a May 1 deadline for submitting proposals for "special courses of action," Robison said in a statement.

Chaired by David Ginevan, associate treasurer, the committee consists of one student as well as six faculty and staff members. Four subcommittees have been created "because of the complexity of their task," Robison explained. Each subcommittee is also made up of one or more students and several faculty and staff members. They will hold meetings, and must report every other week at a meeting of the core committee. The core committee will compile a final report from the subcommittees' recommendations because, as Ginevan said, "There can be conflicts" among them.

Working against a strict timetable, the subcommittees must complete the initial phase of their tasks by the end of this week, March 9. Phase I includes "defining the problems and objectives...setting the priorities," said Ginevan. Only after that is done will the subcommittees begin to look at possible solutions for the problems. In doing this work, said Ginevan, "We're going to try to get as much information as we can from students."

Ginevan is chairman of the subcommittee on the food service of which Gary Starr, director of food services, also is a member. In order to identify the problems with the dining facilities, "We're going to eat in the dining rooms all the times," said Ginevan. They will be talking to as many students in the dining rooms as possible, and they are looking for other ways to receive student input.

Some of the problems which the subcommittee is examing are long lines and overcrowding of the dining rooms. Possible solutions for these, said Ginevan, might be to use the Gifford dining room for eating, and to open a fast food service. However, Ginevan stated that since they had not even determined all the problems yet, it is too early to count these as feasible solutions.

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Dean Ted Perry. Photo by Tom Porter.

Perry cancels leave

By HOLLY HIGINBOTHAM

Ted Perry, dean of arts and humanities, announced at the president's senior staff meeting Feb. 27 that he will not take a leave of absence next year to become director of the British Film Institute. The announcement was made at the institute in London Feb. 28.

Perry refused to comment on the decision, except through Ron Nief, director of public affairs at the College. "He felt that he had a job to do here, and he turned (the directorship) down," Nief explained, adding that Perry did not want to talk about it with him or anyone.

Nief said that Perry had started projects here in Middlebury, and now, "He sees this (deanship) as a much broader opportunity" than the offer from the film institute.

Perry accepted the deanship here in June 1978, and on Oct. 5, the *Hartford Courant* carried a story announcing that Perry would accept the post of director at the institute. He had requested and was granted a leave of absence from the College, causing doubt among some students and faculty about whether he would return.

Nief said, "The general feeling was, 'Well, he'll never come back,' but the decision was he was always going to return."

"The whole flap caused by this (speculation)," commented Nief, "was embarassing to him and to (President Olin Robison)." The dean's job "is to strengthen the arts and humanities here," Nief explained. Prior to joining Middlebury's staff, Perry was director of the department of film at the Museum of Modern Art since 1975. He also has taught both graduates and undergraduates at New York University, the State University of New York at Purchase, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of Iowa. In 1976, Perry held the visiting Henry Luce Professorship at Harvard University.

News Roundup

President Jimmy Carter and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin ended their Washington talks March 4. However, it appeared that the discussions resulted in deadlock over proposals to facilitate Israeli-Egyptian peace talks.

The United States established an embassy in China March 1 for the first time in 30 years as W. Michael Blumenthal, secretary of the Treasury, ended four days of negotiations with leaders there. Those talks ended in only partial agreement on the long-standing economic issues since 1949. Blumenthal said the discussions were not strained by differences between the two countries over the Feb. 17 invasion of Vietnam by Chinese troops.

In Washington, President Jimmy Carter accepted the credentials of Ambassador Chai Tse-min as diplomatic relations were formally established. On the same day, the U.S. Embassy in Taipei, Taiwan, officially closed.

Gasoline prices, already rising because of increases posted by oil-producing nations in the last two months, are going even higher. Energy department officials announced March 2 the details of a complex new fuel-pricing plan, in which they predict a rise of more than 12 cents a gallon over the next two years.

Because prices have just been hiked 10 cents a gallon as a result of the 14.5 percent increase by the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries, prices might rise a total of 30 percent by 1980 over levels at the end of last year.

New Orleans policemen ended their 15-day strike March 4 after forcing the cancellation of many city Mardi Gras events, but costing them two weeks' pay. Despite the absence of a signed contract, Mayor Ernest Morial said that improved benefits would be implemented , including more paid holidays and an increase of $25 a year in the officers' clothing allowance.

Farmers rolled their last tractorcase through downtown Washington, D.C., March 1, pledging to continue to fight for higher farm prices in Congress. The American Agriculture Movement's permit to camp on the Mall, between the Capitol and the Washington Monument, expired at midnight Feb. 28, but when farmers promised to leave after on last procession to the Federal Reserve, police granted an extension.

Both houses of South Dakota's Congress passed legislation to rescind the state's ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment on March 22. South Dakota lawmakers voted to ratify the amendment in 1973, and they rejected moves to rescind in three sessions since then.

The validity of the moves of four states—Idaho, Kentucky, Nebraska and Tennessee—to rescind approval is still in question, as the Justice Department has said Congress must decide. The deadline for ratification of the ERA is June 30, 1982.

Spanish voters gave the ruling centrist party a surprising victory in the general elections March 1. Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez was directed by King Juan Carlos to draw up a new government program for the next four years after the Democratic Center Union Party--a moderate, reformist party--triumphed over opposition Socialists.

Collected from the New York Times, the Boston Globe, United Press International and the Burlington Free Press.

Richardson to speak here

Ambassador Elliot L. Richardson will speak on "American Government: A View from the Executive Branch," Saturday, March 10 at 10 a.m. in Proctor Lounge. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Richardson's talk, sponsored by the Pre-Law Club, will draw on his experiences in the federal government where he has served as Cabinet-Secretary of the Departments of Justice, Defense, Commerce, and HEW.

Currently, Richardson is leading the U.S. delegation to the Law of the Sea Conference.

Moral dilemmas Face reviewers

By BRIAN WILLIAMS

Say you are taking a test and you notice that another student is cheating. Should you or any student who becomes aware of an infraction of the College's Honor System be morally obligated to report it? This question is the focus of debate in the tri-annual review of the system which is now being conducted. At the Student Forum meeting this Sunday, March 11, public discussion of the issue is slated.

Headed by Assistant Dean of Students Cynthia Shaw, the review board includes Marcy Robinson, Andy Glassman, Mario Reid and Chris Granger and Robert Ferm, professor of religion, and Michael Claudon, professor of economics.

Granger was invited to be on the board because of his efforts to change Article III, section 3 of the code, which states: "Any member of the College Community (student, faculty, or administration) who is aware of an infraction of the Honor System is morally obligated to report it either directly to the Judicial Council or to the Judicial Council through the Dean of Students or an instructor."

During the fall term, Granger wrote a letter to the *Campus* in which he admitted that he had caught a friend cheating but felt unable to turn him in. Since then, he has been trying to have this clause either deleted or changed. His proposed change states that a student be "...morally obligated to confront the offender and express disapproval, or to report the infraction..." Therefore, a student who felt unequal to the task of turning someone in would have the option of not doing so.

Granger is investigating other schools' honor codes to see how they handle this question.

Shaw said that many students feel uncomfortable with Article III, section 3 and that rewording is possible. However, with the exception of Granger, members of the review board are in favor of retaining it as it stands, saying that elimination of the clause would render the rest of the code worthless. Claudon stressed the importance of students assuming responsibility for their own and others' integrity. "It's worth the discomfort," he said.

Glassman said he thinks the passage should be kept, because it complements the moral values with which we, as a society, have been brought up. Students must abide by this clause to make the system work, he said. He added that for many students with whom he has talked, the deciding factor in their choice of Middlebury as a college was the Honor System and the firm moral stance that it takes. Students generally do not want proctored tests and the air of suspicion which they foster, Glassman stated.

Nevertheless, members of the review board said they want to know what student attitude is toward the Honor System, particularly on the question of "moral obligation." Most concede that a degree of cheating is inevitable. If the amount of cheating is substantial, however, then the whole system becomes hypocritical, they explained. If in practice, Granger said, the students are unable to comply with the system, then the code must be changed.

In the past year there have been no instances of one student reporting another, said Robinson, president of the Judicial Council. She said she wants to hear more student voice to come into play in the decisions of the review board. The Forum discussion will offer some such input, she said. Student opinion on all aspects of the code is strongly solicited, and Forum President Peter Duncan '80 said that a report conveying students' attitudes will be submitted to the review board following the meeting.

Final decisions of the board are due May 1. In addition to the close scrutiny of Article III, section 3, Shaw said the board will be going through "each and every article." Claudon also is interested in correcting a number of grammatical errors in the accompanying letter about the system which is sent to new students. He has counted at least 20 and says the letter is an embarassment to the College.

Any changes in the code recommended by the review board will have to be ratified by the faculty and a three-quarters vote of the student body for passage.

Students call for more input

By KATHY HAVARD

Greater student representation is necessary to insure the success of the Special Committee on Campus Social, Residential and Dining Arrangements and subcommittees, Student Forum members decided at their meeting March 4. These committees, explained Forum Chairman Peter Duncan '80, were formulated to carry out the recommendations made by the Coffrin Committee earlier this year.

Duncan announced that as it stands now, there are one or two students acting on each of the subcommittees, through whom other Middlebury students might have some input into the investigations in what he hoped would be a "campuswide airing of feeling."

The four subcommittees are currently studying possibilities of expanding dining facilities, renovating the Bookstore, enlarging student activity space, and changing class scheduling in order to alleviate some of the "crush" at lunchtime, explained Duncan.

The "core committee," of which he is the only student member, will eventually correlate all of the findings of the various investigations and make final recommendations to President Olin Robison and the Board of Trustees.

This announcement was met with immediate negative response on the part of Forum members. Representative Mary Porter '79 insisted that the 5-to-1 ratio of administration to students on each of the committees would discourage any sort of campuswide input and would only amplify the feelings of frustration and helplessness already widespread among Middlebury students.

The majority of Forum members and Dean of Students Erica Wonnacott agreed with Porter. It was moved that an open informative meeting be held on Tuesday evening, March 5, at which any student who wishes to serve on one of the subcommittees or the "core committee" would be invited to attend the Forum meeting March 11. Wonnacott reported that the core committee's existing schedule could create a snag in this plan of action, however, since the subcommittees are due to complete their analyses of the various problems by March 9, and to submit lists of plausible solutions by March 23.

Wonnacott said she felt that renovations would probably not begin until next Winter Term when the population of the College is at its nadir, and, therefore she hoped to obtain a postponement of these present deadlines.

In other Forum proceedings, Representative Pam Nugent '80 was elected to the Education Council, filling the spot vacated by Sarah Lincoln '79. Five students from Forum, Tom Harris '79, Mary Beth Litster '82, Porter, Bill Higgins '80 and Eric Lindblad '82, were selected to serve on the House Directors Committee, which will interview and choose next year's dorm residents.

Committees

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A third subcommittee is concerned with making changes in class scheduling. Its goal is to reduce the crowding in the dining room. Chairman Russell Leng, dean of sciences, said he feels that if classes were started at 8:30 instead of at 8:00 a.m., a student's morning could end at 11:30 p.m. or 12:30 a.m., thus creating several lunch shifts. On such a schedule, not "everyone (would be) coming into the dining halls at the same time." Added benefits of rescheduling include increased time for students to eat breakfast and saving energy by heating the buildings one half-hour later. "That half hour can make a difference," said Leng.

Another energy-saving idea which Leng has is to start laboratory classes at 12:30 p.m. and end them at 3:30 p.m. instead of at 4:00 p.m. This would also give students more time to go to athletic practices. However, said Leng, there is a "serious drawback" because it would "eliminate a time when everyone will be out of class" making the scheduling of meetings in the middle of the day more difficult.

Finally, the fourth subcommittee, chaired by Vice President of the College Roger Peel, will concentrate on improving the layout of the Bookstore and revising its merchandise. Assistant Dean of Students Karl Lindholm, who is on the subcommittee, stated that although the bookstore "has a very practical orientation...I think (it) can be a more exciting place than it is."

Phase I for the subcommittee on student activities, chaired by Dean of Students Erica Wonnacott, is to define how much and what kind of space each student activity needs. They will measure all the existing available space and consult with architects in deciding how to allot the space to each organization.

One problem with student activity space which already has been determined is that there is a "need for meeting space for small groups...a place where they can keep their files," said Wonnacott.

She also pointed out that the student activities office behind the Information Desk in Proctor is overcrowded and should be expanded. "One possible solution that has been suggested is that we might possibly move the bookstore" and use that space for activities, she said, adding, however, "this is all so speculative now."

Faculty

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Michael Claudon, associate professor of economics, asked that the explicit threat to close the fraternities be removed from Nuovo's motion. Bruce Peterson, professor of mathematics, urged his colleagues to leave the passage in, in order to "make it perfectly clear that we're not messing around."

The faculty voted not to adopt Claudon's motion to delete the passage about closing the fraternities. They also voted to strike the passage declaring support of the Coffrin Committee observation that fraternities are an important part of Middlebury College life.

Jan Wald, assistant professor of religion, argued that fraternities do not play an integral role in College life. Rather, he said, they reflect a reversion to "ape-like" characteristics, and the faculty should not support the Coffrin Committee statement in the motion.

Despite Dean of the College John Spencer's assertion that fraternities do play a social function and that the deletion would tilt the motion too much against the fraternities and create even more antagonism, the faculty voted to strike the statement.

Nuovo's original proposal combined the two motions into one statement, but several of his colleagues said they could not vote for the second half, which included the investigation and possible closing of the fraternities. Therefore, a special committee split Nuovo's two-part motion into two statements, both of which eventually were passed, the latter by a narrower margin.

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Visiting prof discusses British, French politics

By PAUL CRAMER

Douglas Ashford, visiting political science professor from Cornell University, adressed an audience of about 70 people in Munroe Lounge March 1 on "British Idealism and French Pragmatism."

Ashford's lecture concentrated on the functioning of local governments in the two varying political systems. He pointed out that local mayors and politicians in France influence the policy making of the federal government. In Britian, on the other hand, he said, local politicans usually just execute policies passed down to them from upper level officials.

This weakness was one point which Ashford used to cite his support of the French Political system over the British one. He explained that one has to choose between influence im making policies or just the power to carry them out.

Frat presidents Meet with deans

By PAUL CRAMER

Deans John Spencer, Karl Lindholm, and Erica Wonnacott met with past and present fraternity presidents Thursday night in what was acknowledged by both sides as a "meeting of concern." The group held a "frank" discussion on three of the crucial problems faced by the two groups, including respect for authority -- referring to student behavior over carnival weekend -- the problems of communication, and what is being done about the part of the Coffrin Committee concerning fraternity renovation.

It was also agreed that each fraternity president will be held responsible for actions taken by members of his house. If disciplinary action, including suspension or dismissal, is ever necessary, it will be taken against the presidents. Both sides acknowledged, however, that such action is only a remote possibility.

"Our major concern was respect for authority. You need that to protect the individual freedom," noted Spencer. The events over the weekend were viewed by some as a direct challenge to the administration, and the disrespect shown toward Campus Security Officer Orrin Sunderland at the Slug Barn Party upset both the administration and the fraternities.

Chief John Spencer said he feels that many students were "just trying to get back at the administration, and that there is no genuine disrespect for Campus Security."

Interfraternity Council President Jeff Keller '79 echoed that opinion, asserting that "the fraternities have nothing but respect for Campus Security." He added that "the frats are sorry for what happened over the weekend, but that they won't, and shouldn't take responsibility for everything that happened since so many people were on campus.

"Some people are making the illogical connection between the frats and the library," Keller warned, referring to dealing with the fraternities.

Keller said that the deans showed that there was real concern for the frats among the administration, and that the administration was appealing to the students for an answer to the low morale and discontent on campus.

Keller wanted to know why, however, the administration had not bothered to initiate many of the programs dealing with fraternity renovation, and asked the College to get going (see related article on committees formed to deal with the renovation problem).

Keller added that "the fraternities have been forced to give up dining and they now expect the College to hold up its end of the deal."

The meeting helped reopen communication between the two groups which seemed to reach its low point right before the Carnival. Dean Spencer emphasized, "The College thinks that fraternities are an important part of college life, and that the administration has no desire to get them."

In the meeting itself, the group discussed the somewhat *"fuzzy"* issue of what legal responsibility the College has for students in the fraternity houses, and how much legal power the College has in dealing with events at fraternities. All the fraternities own their houses, and all but two own their land.

The fraternities could be considered, therefore, private property, and possibly outside the jurisdiction of the College. The Handbook states, however, that all parties are to be shut down at 1 a.m., and Chief Spencer said that Campus Security will continue to close down parties at that hour.

The College is more concerned with the possibility that a student might be seriously injured if the events of the past weekend are repeated. A lawsuit would probably follow any injury,and the College is worried about that possibility, because it is not quite sure where it stands legally. Dean Spencer presently is checking into the legal aspect that accompany dealing with the fraternities.

Council alleviates campus tension

By LISA BARBASH

A Community Council discussion last week about "bad morale on campus" ended with an agreement of administration officials and students that there is a great need to open up communications between the two.

There were about 20 people—half students and half faculty— at the Council meeting held Feb. 27 in Munroe Lounge. Deans Karl Lindholm, Erica Wonnacott, and John Spencer cited several incidents which occurred over Carnival Weekend in which students were particularly destructive and "disrespectful," in the eyes of the administration. Among these actions were included $1000 damage to Starr Library, the construction of the "obscene" snow sculptures in front of Delta Upsilon and Chi Psi fraternities and the pouring of beer on a Campus Security officer at several fraternity parties. Although these were not all "fraternity-related problems," said Lindholm, "it tends to center on that."

"We're just really seeking advice and help" said Spencer, acknowledging that the campus seemed to be "one big congestion of disgruntled people."

Joan O'Brien '79 summed up many of the recent grievances of the students, these including the so-called "Hayward tenure decision," the discontinuation last year of the program abroad in Bath, England, the termination of fraternity dining in June 1980, and the solicitation of monetary contributions to the College after the Coffrin Committee announced its recommendations. "It's just not smart to give them all at the same time O'Brien explained. Other complaints of the students aired at the meeting were that the Comprehensive Fee has not been broken down, that Proctor is overcrowded, and that parties need to be registered.

Peter Duncan '80, chairman of Student Forum, and Jeff Keller '79, of the Interfraternity Council offered more concrete reaasons for the campus destruction. "From the students point of view, they're not being heard... I think the students are feeling there's no other place to turn," said Duncan.

Regarding Student Forum, Duncan said he had begun to feel that "anything it tries to do, anything it tries to suggest, it doesn't get anywhere." Keller asked, "When legitimate ways don't go, where do we turn?" Coach Mickey Heinecken responded to the students' statements, saying that he was "totally sympathetic" to the problems of the students. However, he said, the destruction was a "tremendously immature way of handling your frustration." "Whether rightly or wrongly the decision was made...(the administration) has to get across an acceptance of the rules that are placed in front of an individual."

Wonnacott addressed the problem of overcrowding in Proctor, saying that Winter Term was the longest block of time available during the year to renovate Proctor. However, this year they postponed any reconstruction because it would have had to have been done right after the rendering of the decision to end fraternity dining. The administration felt that students would be particularly irked by it, she said.

Spencer also pointed out that the Hayward tenure decision was not made by the administration, but by three faculty members on the Committee on Reappointment.

Nevertheless, Spencer, along with several students, acknowledged that there was a lack of communication between the students and administration which needed to be ameliorated. Jenny Salmon '81, a member of Community Council, suggested that the administration publish a faculty newsletter, so that students can get information about why certain administrative decisions are made.

Spencer said that this would be difficult since the administration does not always know what the students want to find out.

In accordance with that discussion, the *Campus* will establish an "Old Chapel Notes" column. Students can submit questions directed at or about the administration to the *Campus*. The paper wil compile and pass them on to Old Chapel. The appropriate deans will repond in the *Campus* column.

Meanwhile, two committees have been fromed in response to the recommendations of the Coffrin Committee. The Special Committee on the Renovation, Expansion, and Reorganization of Dining and Student Space was formed by President Olin Robison. This committee will "try to gather a much information as we can from the students," said David Ginevan, associate treasurer of the College and chairman. The other committee is composed of fraternity presidents and deans, formed by Spencer, to "do what we can to make (the situation) more fair" for the fraternity members.

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Editorials

Silence sets strife In campus relations

There is nothing like a lack of communication to make people think the worst about any given issue. When explanations fail to accompany decisions and actions, people tend to condemn the decisions or question the manner in which they were made. The overall effect of limited communication between closely intertwined bodies is an unhealthy one.

In the past several months, this college community has witnessed a buildup of issues in which communication has been lacking. The result has been a pervading sentiment of condemnation of the administration. Students have questioned many administrative decisions because no explanation has accompanied the announcements.

A case in point is Dean Ted Perry's refusal last week to comment on his decision to stay at Middlebury, giving up his leave of absence that would have allowed him to be the director of the British Film Institute. Last fall his request and subsequent grant for the leave aroused controversy among students and faculty. Now, he has decided to stay at the College—not a decision which many would condemn—but the dean ought to say something to the community about his action. His refusal to directly comment can only raise questions as well as provoke ire among those on the receiving end of the announcement.

Fortunately, this silent strife between students and administration was broken somewhat at last week's Community Council meeting. The openness of discussion—a vital term—among members of the council is an encouraging sign. The participants, in bring problems out into the open, recognized the need for communication between the parts of the College.

From now on, *all* interested members of this community should work to keep the lines of communication open. With the cooperation of Dean of the College John Spencer and other members of the administration, the *Campus* will initiate a new column, "Old Chapel Notes." Here is how it will work:

- Any member of the community can direct questions to all or part of the administration by sending them to the *Campus*.
- We will pass all of the queries on to Old Chapel.
- The administration will answer those questions in writing, and we will print them in the "Old Chapel Notes" column.

We are enthusiastic about this new column and about the results which might come of it. It is high time that the unhealthy stench of silence be broken.

With the administration's willingness to try to clear the air, it is now the responsibility of all those who have been complaining to send in their questions.

Submit suggestions For renovations soon

Speak now or forever hold your peace.

The four subcommittees of the Special Committee on the Renovation, Expansion, and Reorganization of Dining and Student Activity Space are facing an imminent deadline to submit lists of problems relating to renovation of student space.

Any suggestions which students have concerning needs for student organizations' activity space, ways to rework class schedules to avoid the lunchtime press, changes in the College Bookstore, and ways to alter food service facilities have to be submitted *tomorrow*.

These subcommittees to the core committee--which has a May 1 deadline for making plans--held their first meetings last week. The job of the members of those committees is to identify, by March 9, all of the problems relating to the general issue of renovations. A monstrous job, especially considering the time element.

This committee was formed to carry out the recommendations of the Coffrin Committee as approved by the trustees Jan. 13. The trustees' report stipulated that all renovations must take place within existing walls.

The fraternities, in recent weeks, have engaged in various and sundry forms of protest to the decision to eliminate dining in their houses. The trustees made that decision on the recommendation of the Coffrin Committee, and it is final.

As much as many may not agree with the decision, the energy stimulating the protests should now be directed to other efforts.

First and foremost, fraternity members and all students should make their voices heard with respect to planning renovations. Student Forum Chairman Peter Duncan '80 is a member of the core committee as well as the subcommittee on student activities. He has said he will welcome all suggestions relating to such renovations through tomorrow.

Despite the short notice, put your act together and get in touch with these students. They are your representatives on the committees which will decide a large part of your future.

Correspondence

Deans will listen

TO THE EDITOR:

There has been an increasing mood of frustration and anger among students as evidenced by recent letters to the editor, behavior toward the Harvard choir and general damage, culminating in the events of Carnival Weekend (snow sculptures, beer dumped on security, a snowball injuring a security officer, $1,000 worth of trashing in the library). The particular activities are serious and inexcusable, but it has made a lot of people think and try to understand why.

When a group of basically decent people act out so violently, it's pretty clear that something is wrong. Old Chapel appears to be the villain in the piece and that old word "communication" surfaces again. I honestly believe, contrary to much popular opinion, that the denizens of Old Chapel are also basically decent, hard-working types who are busily doing things they deem to be for the common good, but have neglected to explain and discuss them with the student body at large. Misinformation and rumour are rampant. It is difficult to remember sometimes that things that have been discussed to death with students have to be discussed again, because it is constantly a new population.

While I deplore the violence and rudeness of the last while, I think that the blame belongs to all of us to some extent. It is difficult to communicate with 1900 people who often aren't listening, but we will try. I hope we all can listen to each other.

ERICA WONNACOTT
DEAN OF STUDENTS

Battle threatens

TO THE EDITOR:

This academic year at Middlebury would seem to have been one of considerable excitement for anyone interested in institutional politics. The spectre of the Coffrin decision has hung over the school while unpopular tenure decisions have caused open demonstration. In short, the tiny, isolated world of Middlebury College is immersed in an atmosphere of tension and distrust. The battle lines have been drawn and open war is about to commence.

The fact that the opposing forces are the students and the administration is significant. This division suggests either that there is a severe lack of communication between the two parties, or that one of the parties has taken advantage of the other. There is some evidence for the theory that there is poor communication between the administration and the students in that it has been asserted that the students have not gotten a fair hearing. However, this fact also fits nicely into a theory that the students have, in effect, been "shafted."

It would be foolish to discount the remarkable unanimity of the student body in opposition of many of the administration's recent decrees. When this opposition is seconded by the more powerful voice of concerned alumni, there can be little doubt that something is drastically wrong with the tone of administration policy. Obviously, then, a cure is needed.

The cure will not come from passive (however vehement) dissent. What is needed is some sort of definitive action on the part of the students and alumni. Since it is clear that the present administration is not responding to the desires of the people it serves or of the people who serve it, a concerted effort to rectify the situation must be mounted. The time for voicing opinions is past. If every concerned individual does not cast his or her lot with a combined effort to reshape the policy-making system, then the abuses of the past will be continued until Middlebury becomes a financially secure, but academically poor institution.

JOHN STEINECKE '82

more letters on page 6.

The *CAMPUS* welcomes letters to the editor and will try to print as many as possible in each issue. We cannot publish, however, letters containing personal attacks or profane language. We reserve the right to edit letters, and they must be signed with an address, although names will be withheld upon request. We also cannot print correspondence addressed to another party. Send letters to Box C 2198 or bring them to the *CAMPUS* office in Proctor Hall no later than 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Commentary

'Free Choice' for what?

By JOHANNES DE SILENTIO

These pages have seen a plethora of fulminations by indignant students over the fraternity dining issue. I had hoped that these protestations might end with the final ruling on the Coffrin Committee recommendations, but apparently not. It is high time that someone put the oppobrium where it belongs and argued against the fraternity social institution itself. Why should fraternities be tolerated, let alone financially underwritten by the College? What contribution do they make?

This article is written in the hopes of silencing the rumblings of disgruntled fraternity students, that we might direct all of our efforts to palliative actions. It is a "belch" that follows a long case of "fraternity dining indigestion." I hope to imbue you with the same bitter taste of bile which prompts me to write it.

The real question for the majority of Middlebury students is do we really care one way or the other what happens to fraternities? As a justification for non-involvement in the issue, we have frequently voiced the opinion that fraternities serve only one function: they keep a bunch of besotten rowdies on the other side of campus. Hundreds may have joined in the demonstration last spring, but what of the thousand who abstained. No doubt the four who died at Kent State a decade ago are turning over in their graves because of this new wave of "student radicalism."

The logical extension of the one-redeeming-factor attitude is that this school should take it upon itself to construct a fence around the fraternities to protect us from those odious creatures. (There are interesting implications, by the way, for reforming the penal system in the United States. Presently, it costs $11,000 per prisoner per year. By remodeling prisons after the fenced-in version of the Middlebury fraternities, it would be possible to save $3,000 per prisoner. Society would be spared of their disrupting influence; and of course, many new jobs would be created for janitors, maids, cooks, and professors...) I say let's build the fence or get rid of them. The existence of the fraternity social institutions in their present form will only encourage more of the decadence which will in the end be the nemesis of this school.

If you discern a strain of the irrational in my virulent dislike of fraternities, it is because of a traumatic Halloween four years ago, when I witnessed the fraternal brothers of DU don white robes and proceed in solemn procession to burn a cross in front of Sig Ep. My enthusiasm for fraternities was somewhat dampened by that experience. My dismay has been periodically rekindled over the years with juicy tales of fraternity going-ons.

As a case in point, I have collected some of the posters for Carnival Weekend parties:

Come get wasted off your ass at KDR...Show that this school isn't really 'Menopause Manor' by partying all night at Zeta Psi...Rape and Pillage Team Meeting at Slug, Mandatory: 1) Shitface 2)Condoms...Put the red in your eyes at Sig Ep...Come bang your head against the wall barn...Eat a big lunch so that you'll have a lot to lose at Slug...

Mind you, this is not a plunge of fancy; rather it is the fraternities' own self-conception of the "indispensible" social role which they play at Middlebury College as publicly advertised on the walls of Middlebury College.

A series of KDR posters revealed one possible explanation of this destructive play in a nihilistic questioning of life in a doomsday world:

USSR warns China 'Pull out before it is too late,' Come celebrate the end of the world at KDR...Get bombed before Peking does...Do you want to die a nerd?

One thing is for certain, these people are seriously disturbed, as they well recognize themselves: "Celebrate Winter Carnival in a big way with all the other sickies," read a Slug poster in Battell. Perhaps Professor Woodruff of the Psychology Department could give us a fuller explanation of their "sickness." Were but all this an anomoly of Winter Carnival, it is however the norm.

At issue is not the institution of fraternities *per se*, but the repugnant decadence they perpetuate. Let us not be duped by a few hucksters who put forth inane slogans. "Free Choices" for what? A study done by the sociology department two years ago revealed that the large percentage of honor code violations were by fraternity members. It would be beneficial to sctutinize their levels of academic achievement as well. In any case, we already know what sort of life style they lead.

It is time to ask the question: do fraternities contribute to or detract from this college? Only in asking the question will the denouement of the fraternity dining issue really lead to meaningful and necessary reform of the fraternity social institutions which vitiate the quality of our education.

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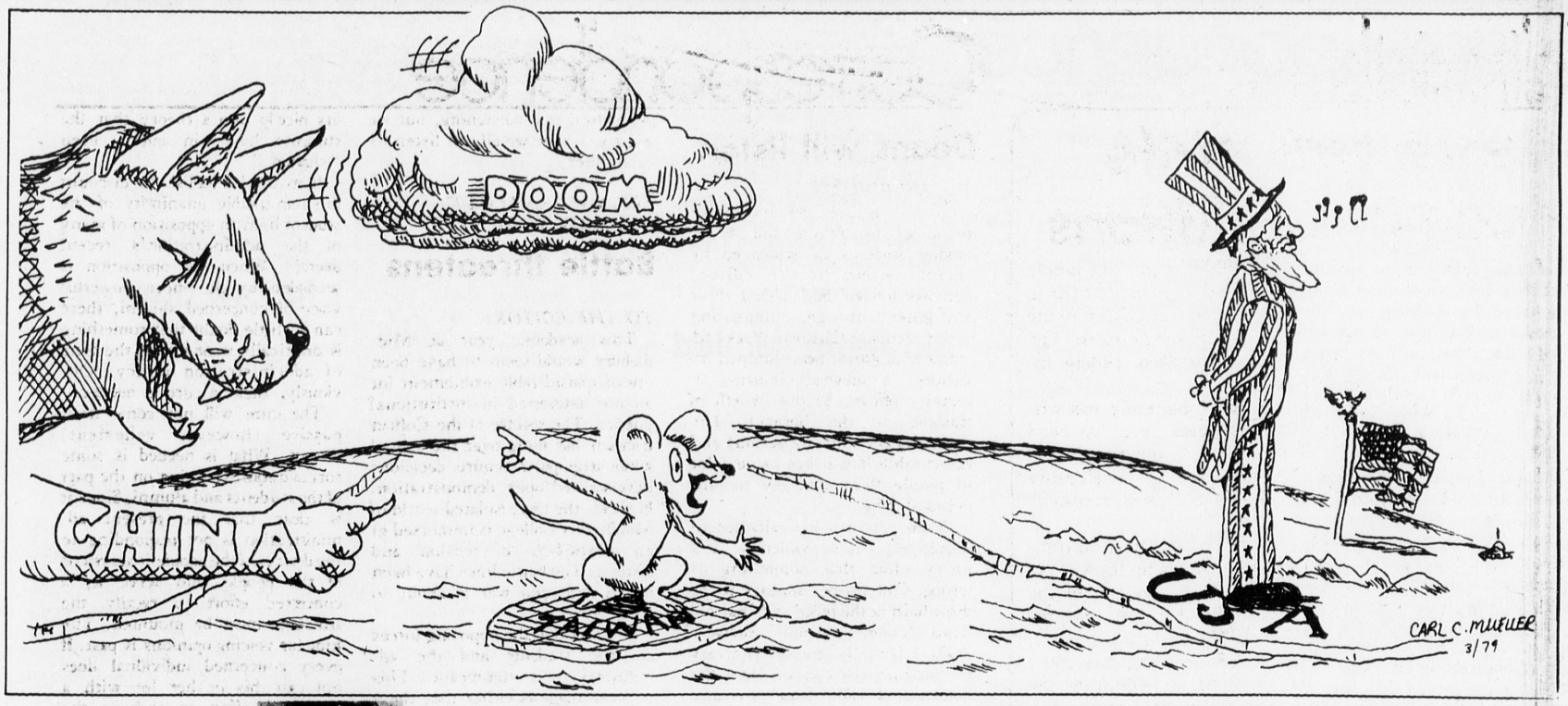

Peter Gardner

U.S.-Sino cooperation Benefits both nations

The Communist Chinese have an embassy in the United States. The Taiwanese do not. Many believe that the fate of Taiwan is sealed, by virtue of its abandonment by the United States. This may or may not be the case. The United States may have left Taiwan open to invasion by the Communists, thus breaching the faith and trust invested in our country by the free world. How can the leader of the free world be reckoned with in good faith, indeed, how can it even be believed, in light of such an obvious disregard for the vital necessity—security—of foreign countries?

It is the politically shortsighted to whom this rather pessimistic outlook (that the United States has compromised its credibility, and therefore its bargaining position, in global politics and economics) is particularly believable. Sooner or later (but probably sooner), foreign nations will realize that their positions have not, in fact, been compromised, that perhaps the United States has even more to offer than previously it had.

There are three great powers on earth: the United States, the Soviet Union and Communist China. To disregard the importance of any one of these would be to assume an unrealistic political and economic position. It is with this basic reality that one must come to grips.

The resources, and, therefore, the economic possibilities, which China presents are too great to be ignored. Though some trade with Taiwan—for the present—will be lost, the increased trade with China will far outweigh those losses. China will become an important consideration in both American economic and foreign policy.

It is clear that an alliance between the United States and China will be mutually beneficial and profitable. It is also quite probable that this alliance will ensure, not only greater security for both these nations, but also for other nations as well.

In a time of changing political inclinations within a supremely delicate political world, concessions must be made and compromises reached. Former Presidents Richard M. Nixon and Gerald R. Ford worked toward the union with China that has now been reached during President Jimmy Carter's administration. The realization of this goal is a beginning, not an end. To have relinquished such an opportunity would have been unwise for the present and unacceptable for the future.

Paul Cramer

Parent's rights and Children's education

"Don't you know that the beginning is the most important part of every work and that this is especially so with anything young and tender? For it is at this stage it's most plastic, and each thing assimilates itself to the model whose stamp anyone wishes to give it."

Over 2,000 years ago, Plato taught his followers the importance of the education of the young, and today, youth education is at the heart of the Vergennes Union High School Library dispute.

Recently, the Board of Directors of VUHS library voted 4 to 3 to put the book, *Forever*, by Judy Blume, on its restricted shelf. Only senior high school students will have free access to the book.

Forever, which deals with a fictional teen-age love affair, was removed from the library's regular shelves after the library received a formal complaint from Mr. and Mrs. Randall Steady of Ferrisburg. In the complaint, the Steadys claimed that the book was "obsessed with sex" and has "no value" for students. The Steadys feel that younger students can be psychologically harmed by reading such a book.

Forever is the fourth book which the VUHS library has moved to its restricted shelf over the last few years. The other books placed on restriction were *Carrie* and *Dog Day Afternoon* and the library directors banned *The Wanderers*.

As a result of these actions, the library has had to fight a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Burlington. The lawsuit, which was brought about by students and teachers, asserts that the board has overstepped its bounds and violated the rights guaranteed to the students by the First Amendment. Both sides are awiting the decision of the court.

Although the courts must protect the constitutional rights of every citizen, they should not take away parent's right to bring up their children in what they consider a proper way. The child's physical and mental well-being is the responsibility of his parents, and just as we prosecute parents for their neglect of their children, we should allow parents to positively influence what their children are 3xposed to in public libraries which they support with their tax dollars.

Is it ujust for parents to try to protect the mental health of their children when they are still in junior high school? The psyche of a 14-year-old is very delicate, and the parents in Vergennes and the surrounding areas realize that fact.

The question is basically one of whether or not you are willing to give a parent the final say in what his or her child is going to read. Today, guidance is needed more and more by concerned and loving parents, and to take away their right to educate their children is as unconstitutional as the removal of any book from any library.

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Campus Briefs

Dartmouth trustees vote To deep fraternities

Hanover, N.H.—The Dartmouth College Board of Trustees decided Feb. 23 to postpone a decision on a proposal to abolish fraternities and sororities. In the proposal, a professor of English at the college, James Epperson, accused the organizations of being anti-intellectual, racist, sexist and antithetical to the purposes of the college.

The trustees voted unanimously to "commend the faculty and Interfraternity Council (IFC) for their actions and concern during the recent fraternity controversy and charged several committees with continuing study of the situation," the *Dartmouth* newspaper reported.

The board also said that the trustees were prepared to vote on the abolition of the system if significant changes do not occur or if the rate of change is "unacceptably slow." Dartmouth's president, John G. Kemeny, stressed that the warning does not carry a time limit.

Amherst students solicit Student seats on board

Amherst, Mass.—In the wake of the resignation of a trustee, a campaign is underway at Amherst College to include one or more students on the Board of Trustees. The board member who resigned, Willard Wirtz, said he did so because he disapproved of the way in which the search for a college president was conducted, reported the Amherst *Student*. He added that he supported student membership on the board on the condition that the selection process was responsible.

Representatives of eight campus organizations and committees met Feb. 25, reaching a consensus favoring the inclusion of two students as members of the board. The reason, they said, for the students' membership is to broaden the trustees' perspective and to improve communication between the trustees and the campus.

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Correspondence

A two-way street

TO THE EDITOR:

The general sentiment on campus is that the administration is giving us the shaft, and it's hard not to find yourself swept up into this tide of criticism without doing some objective thinking on the subject. I see only a small portion of the student body actually doing anything to help itself (though it is a drag when even these efforts are thwarted, i.e. the many hours the SAC put in on behalf of people up for tenure.)

What always seems to be given as the excuse for the cutback in services is money. But rather than lay the whole wrap on the administration, let's look at what we're doing, as individuals, to help out the situation.

During "Don't Peak Week" we cut back on our use of electricity. How about cutting back on the incredible amounts of food wasted each meal? Is it too much trouble to go back to the line to get more? This is the only school that I've ever seen where the students don't have to bus their own dishes, and yet I see people that don't think it's worth walking 20 feet to put their tray on a rack. Why increase the bussers' hours by making them go around collecting trays?

Is it that hard to not break hall lights; to not take the cushions from the SDU sofas; to not smash a beer bottle in the road or to hold on to that piece of junk mail until a trash can comes along? Why make the grounds crew spend hours picking up after our own mess—they've got enough to do as it is.

So before you start to bitch, look at what you're doing for the school. If you've put out for the school, then you have a right to espect the administration to put out for you. After all, this school exists for the sake of students—not money.

BRUCE MOREHOUSE '81

Sinking morale

TO THE EDITOR:

I have just come back from the semester in residence at the Center for Northern Studies and have been disturbed by the low levels of spirit, happiness and excitement that has become to me after my time away. It seems to me that my freshman year, '75-'76, there was a much happier and friendly atmosphere around Midd, and I don't think the change is just in students.

It seems to be mostly due to a general tightening of everything on campus, more rules, and fewer exceptions to the rules. It seems Middlebury is losing its small college virtues, and administrators are not thinking as much anymore, but are depending more on rules. A few examples:

I was co-president of the Mountain Club last year, and when I tried to get into the office after vacation, I found that the keys at security no longer fitted. The locks at Adirondack house had all been changed, and no one seemed to know why. I asked Securiy to let me in, but they would not for one and a half hours since they figured that the keys had been changed for a reason, and they couldn't let me up until they knew the reason. I understand the officer's concern, but that I should be denied access was unreasonable, as Security knew who I was and had a list of names of Mountain Club people to refer to. I was particularly enraged to find that some others had been getting into the office very easily and were not even on the list!

Another nuisance lately has been the crowded conditions at dining halls. I don't know why they should be more crowded now than they used to be, since student enrollment is supposed to be the same. What is amazing is that without major additions to kitchen and dining facilities, many more students who used to dine in frats will be dining on the Hill. Perhaps the Coffrin Committee should try taking a few more meals in the dining halls.

They've figured out how to make registration more of a bother. In Music 221, they neglected to include lab cards during registration, not a big deal. But now we're supposed to go to Old Chapel, pick up an Add/Drop card, "change" into music lab, get the card signed by our advisors and the music department, then return it. Why not just have someone at Old Chapel put our names on some cards and send them through the computer and eliminated the need for everyone in that class to run around getting signatures? It really shouldn't be necessary.

Departmental cooperation is often not good, leading to more hassles. As a Northern Studies major, I see this frequently. It is an interdepartmental major, with one track being biology. But the biology department sometimes seems to be trying to keep students from being snatched away by northern studies, and cooperation has not been good. Getting advice from bio people is usually difficult and communication between northern studies and biology has been almost non-existent. Why all the resistance? It only makes it hard for students.

The opportunity to choose is disappearing too. Foundations and concentrations restrict course choice considerably. Courses that truly interest you are perhaps the most important criterion for enjoying and benefiting the most from school. For pre-meds, too, many courses are chosen for you when foundations and concentrations are also fulfilled. What is particularly a bother is that introductory courses except the approved foundations course do not fulfill the requirements. Why should Physics 101 be acceptable, for example, and Physics 109 unacceptable?

Most of these complaints are admittedly minor, but in combination, they make life at Midd more difficult and bothersome. It seems as though the petty nuisances we're all subjected to are not necessary. As a senior, I suppose I needn't worry about it as it will soon be over, but I've found that Midd can be such a great place to be that it's saddening to find that the College doesn't seem to care about that anymore.

STEVE MARTEL '79

Ski team spoiled

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter in response to Jim Taylor's letter in the Feb. 28 issue of the *Campus*. Not only was this letter obnoxious and arrogant, but it was totally unfounded in its accusation of negligence on the part of the *Campus* sports staff. Let's face it, this is not *Sports Illustrated* where the editor can send a reporter out for a three-day stint to cover a carnival. It is obvious that many *Campus* sports stories are written by actual members of the team or those who have an opportunity to follow the team. For example, Steve Riley writes all the basketball articles as the manager of the team. His ability to travel with the squad and his general interest in its activities allow him to write fine articles. Perhaps if Mr. Taylor considered writing the articles himself, maybe his precious ski team would get their print.

To tell the truth, I wouldn't mind seeing an article about the Middlebury ski team, but let's not cloud it up with times and snow conditions.

Let's hear about the real facts, like how much free equipment the school gives the team (We all know how inexpensive ski equipment is, right?), and how some skiers come here for a couple of years only to go train for some national team and then maybe grace us with returning to finish their "education." Or let's hear about how the whole team is flown across the country for the national championships while our fine soccer team is forced to play for less important titles virtually in its backyard. Mr. Taylor speaks of the ski team getting a "fair share" in the *Campus*. Well, how about other athletic teams at Middlebury getting their fair share in relation to the ski team?

It is indeed a shame to see someone who belongs to the most pampered group on campus complain about a problem which is more or less the fault of that group. Stop waiting for someone else to do something for you. The ski team has enough done for them. If it is *Campus* articles they desire, then let them write them. After all, who knows more about it then they do. So, I say to you "get on the stick!" and prove you can write as well as ski.

JAMIE MARX '81

Support skiers

TO THE EDITOR:

I am amazed at the lack of respect you have shown for the Middlebury College ski team in your paper. After the completion of three college carnivals you have virtually ignored some of the most outstanding performances by Middlebury athletes this year. In case you haven't heard, skiing is the only sport at Middlebury that competes in Division one, in other words, we aren't trying to be the regional champions for New England or place well in the Small College League. When we compete in March at the NCAAs it's for the national championship.

Unlike most other Middlebury sports, ski team members are not forced into retirement after graduation, many have gone on to make the national team, turned pro, or in some cases competed in the Olympics. Skiing at Middlebury is a big league sport. Middlebury racers received more recognition in the Dartmouth campus paper prior to their carnival than we have in an entire winter in the *Campus*. It would be nice to have the support of our own paper, especially when skiing is the only sport in which this college has more than a snowball's chance in hell of being national champions.

JEFF NICHOLS '81
ALPINE SKI TEAM

Carnival thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest thanks to all the many, many people, up front and behind the scenes, who made the 1979 Winter Carnival "happen": the fundraisers, the ticket-sellers, the gate-keepers, the mattress-movers, Campus Security, the state and Carnival police, the skaters, the skiers, the jumpers, the typists, the performers, the Snow Bowl staff, the coaches, the judges, the organizers, the cleaner-uppers, the kitchen staff and Food Services, the Buildings and Ground crew, the field house people, the frats, the PeRa people, the lighting and sound technicians...etc!...The list is endless! A special thanks to Ty Howe and Mrs. Flickinger.

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Ignore disorder

TO THE EDITOR:

I come from a line of wealthy capitalists living in upstate New York and until just a few days before his resignation supported President Nixon. Like the ex-president, I often excuse my ruthlessness by referring to someone's "best interests."

As the administrators of this College know, this can be convincingly done, with little damage to the individual administrators' reputation. But in special cases dealing say, with food or money, the subject may fail to recognize what is for its own good. Disorder may result.

Obviously any disorder should be treated as discourtesy and ignored. I have found that it is best, and my advice to this administration is, to allow a period of grace between unpopular acts. The odium will pass and the difference in alumni contributions will be appreciable.

LAMONT CAMPAIGNE '79

Call for king

TO THE EDITOR:

With all respect to the Queen, (and a beautiful one she is, too), we in the Royal Cabinet were quite disappointed that a photograph of His Royal Highness KB did not appear in last weeks issue of the *Campus*. Luckily, we were able to hide this fact from the King as he is still recovering from his coronation, and besides, he reads the *Wall Street Journal*.

We hope this remarkable oversight will be rectified. In addition, King KB has decreed that every mail room, bathroom and public place in the kingdom should shine under the presence of His countenance.

Most Royally,

KB BABY
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Performing arts Festival planned

Middlebury College will host the second Intercollegiate Performing Arts Festival organized by the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences on Saturday, March 10. Admission is free to the event beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Wright Theater.

Original work in dance, drama, music, and video art will be presented to a statewide audience by students from Bennington, Castleton, Johnson, Lyndon, Middlebury, and St. Michael's Colleges, and the University of Vermont.

The first statewide festival—separating performing arts from the VAAS Intercollegiate Symposium for scholarly, literary, and scientific work—took place in April 1977 at St. Michael's College. This year's program at Middlebury emerged from a selection campaign mounted by the Academy in an effort to present superior student productions before wider audiences than those which students' work usually encounters.

Both festivals have been assisted by a grant from the Vermont Council on the Arts, the state arts agency.

The Academy invites everyone interested in original work in music, drama, dance, and video arts to join its members and student performers on March 10 at Wright Theater. For more information see John McCardell, assistant professor of history, or call him at 388-6500 (office), or 388-2028 (home).

Students peruse vocational literature at VSC workshop held last Saturday. Photo by Tom Arcidiacono.

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Vocations workshop counsels career-oriented

By DAVID BUCHANAN

"Today in the United States our rules as workers are not designed to improve the quality of our lives, but to maintain a social and economic system that benefits a few who profit from our labor." The question of how to reform this system was addressed by the Vocations for Social Change (VSC) Workshop, held on March 3.

VSC, publishers of *The Boston People's Yellow Pages*, was formed in 1970. It came about when a college student, George Brossey, realized the lack of information for people wishing to follow a change-oriented career. VSC offers counseling for those just entering the work force, and for those who are already there but who need information on labor, their rights, or unemployment benefits.

For the most part Mary Ann Hayes '79, a member of Political Forum, organized the workshop. She said that the VSC visit was initiated by those in the Forum mainly to give some alternative counseling to that provided by the College.

Visiting representatives usually are paid by their companies, or similar institutuions to recruit students, something that non-profit organizations such and VSC cannot afford to undertake.

The Women's Union became involved in the workshop in order to focus on sex discrimination which they suspected in the recent tenure dispute.

Kate Woods, assistant counselor, explained that aside from social work, personality can implement change in any workshop. Since there is a tendency to be idealistic and "prod the system," another important attribute is the ability to be forthright yet tactful.

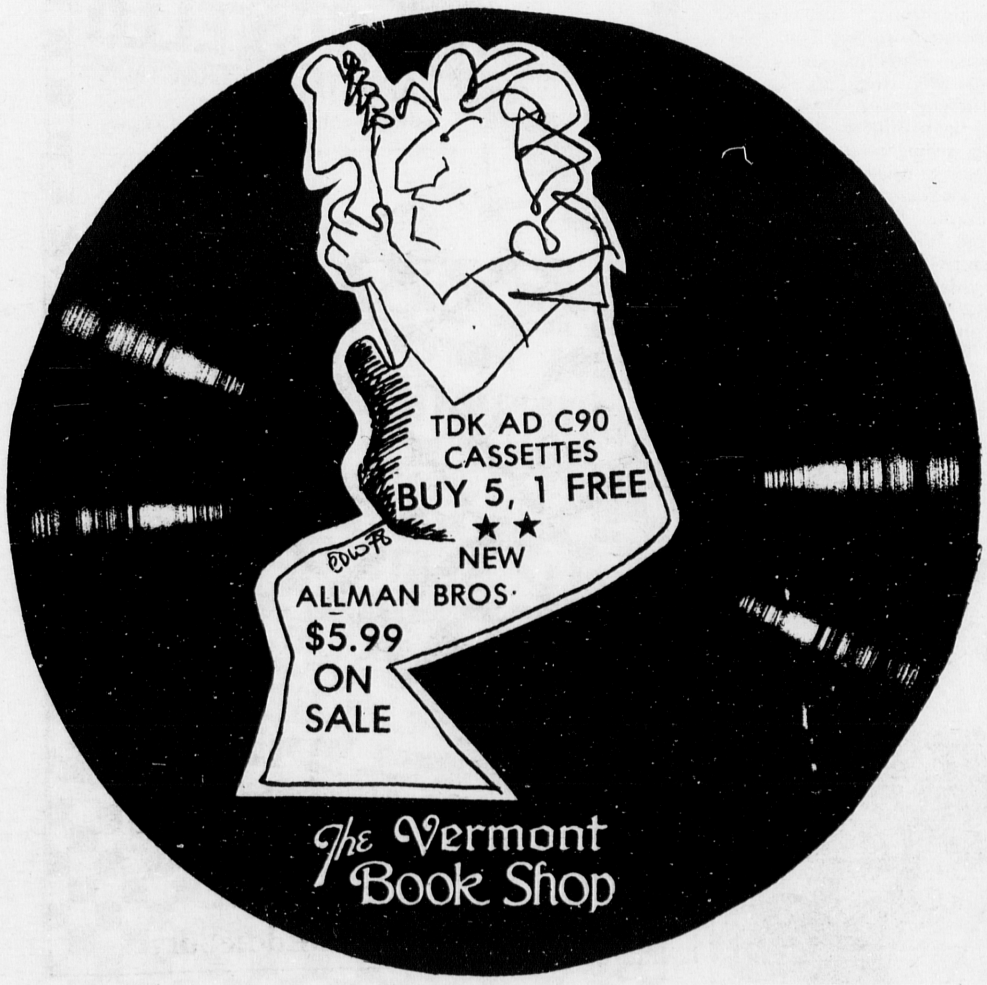
For Hayes, the workshop taught her how to earn a living instead of being merely a volunteer. She expressed the desire to affect an overall change, as opposed to a "bandaid-type thing." The meeting was divided into two sections. The morning consisted of general workshops on finding work for social change, the professional and social change and women and work.

The afternoon section was devoted to more specific, personal discussion.

The workshop began by riddling the word "professional" of its various personal meanings. The groups decided that is now is more a measure of competency than of

The question of implementing social change in the professions also was addressed. Despite the fact that it is usually necessary to work within a system that perpetuates stagnation of social change through the encouragement of competition and egotism, personal attitudes can have an effect. Some of these attitudes include staying happy, liking individual people, avoiding isolation, and maintaining competency. Also, the need for a balance between one's self and giving to others was stressed.

Only a small group program which included small discussion groups on job fantasy and the routine work day. One criticism echoed be several participants was the lack of discussion of specific jobs during the morning. However, the general consensus was in favor of the workshop, because it enabled people with similar concerns to discuss their problems.



Mountaineers elect New slate of officers

By STEVE MARTEL

Annual spring elections for the Mountain Club were held Feb. 27, and Steve Ahmann '80 was elected president. Other new officers are Randy Corke '80, vice-president; Greg Howard '81, Nate Rockwell '82 and Cathy Harris, equipment managers; Dorothy Haluszka '81, treasurer; Heidi Reichenbach '82, secretary; John McLendon '80, conservation-coordinator; Jane Hammond '80 and Julie Olin '81, special events, and Bob Drosdick '81, bicycling subgroup leader. The rock-climbing, hiking, skiing, and winter mountaineering subgroups chairmen have not yet been appointed.

The club will continue to offer a trip each weekend, including overnights or dayhikes, in any sport from snowshoeing and cross-country skiing to hiking and canoeing. MMC also will sponsor square dances this spring, as well as an occasional lecture.

New president Ahmann has been in the MMC for two years as the cross-country skiing subgroup chairman. He said he hopes to get more people involved in the club and to start some new kinds of activities. He plans to organize seminars on skis, first aid, mountain rescue, rock-climbing, and winter food.

Some new aspects added this year include weekly meetings, every Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. in the MMC office. Also new this spring are informal slide shows at 7 p.m. before the meetings. Anyone is welcome to the meetings and slide shows (bring your outdoor slides) and is encouraged to visit the MMC office during office hours, 7 to 8 p.m. every night but Saturday.

New store tucked under Inn

By *HOLLI GUNTHER*

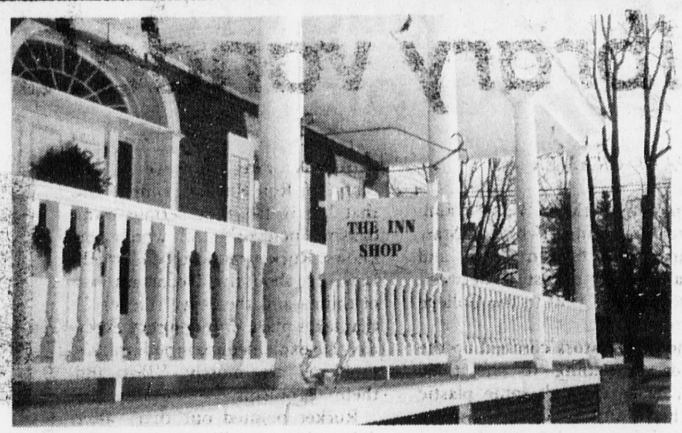
Tucked away in a corner of the basement of the Middlebury Inn, the Inn Shop provides pleasant surprises (a chamois and gold chain string bikini!) for the unsuspecting visitor. Where else in Vermont could one find a large selection of crafts from South Africa?

Owners Sofus and Joan Michelson lived and operated a gift shop in Capetown, South Africa, before moving to Vermont.

Their interest in South Africa is evident in the newly opened shop. They have a few hand-carved soapstone figures from the country. Beadwork is on display, done by the Women of the Zulu tribe of Southern Africa. Outsiders bring beads to the tribewomen who use them to create beadwork very similar to that of American Indians of the Southwest.

The shop's most unusual feature is its large collection of semiprecious gemstones (cut, carved, and set in jewelry) also from South Africa. These stomes are mined from exhaustable veins in the ground. Among the stones are jade, tiger's eye, and malachite, a stone found only in South Africa. Many of these stones are set in rings, necklaces, bracelets,or earrings of either silver or gold plate. However, some loose, tumble-polished stones are also for sale.

''Until recently, most of the customers in the shop had been guests at the Inn, but lately more students have been coming in,'' reported shop manager Janice Jewett. Silver jewelry made in New Mexico and handmade leather clogs from Vermont have been the main attraction for the students.



The new Inn Shop, under the Middlebury Inn. Photo by Brooks Bitterman and Karen Sfurges.

Selectmen approve town comprehensive plan

By DEBBY RICHMAN

The Middlebury Board of Selectmen last week approved a Town Comprehensive Plan which would include the construction of a westerly Route 7 bypass. If the citizens approve the entire plan, which the Selectmen have approved, later amendments may be implemented. If the voters reject the plan, it will return to the Planning Committee for minor changes.

Transportation, land use, housing, scenic and historical preservation, community facilities, and various improvements and regulations are detailed in the plan.

Transportation priorities were emphasized at the meeting. A three-year task force recommended a westerly Route 7 bypass, which would be constructed beyond the ''new dorms'' at the College. This alternative would help alleviate traffic congestion over the Battell Bridge in downtown Middlebury.

Although this controversy between east versus west bypass has continued for the past decade, an urgent decision now is needed. Several citizens said that without more immediate action, they think Middlebury might lose federal funding in favor of a bypass for Vergennes. This issue also was discussed at a recent local Rotary Club meeting by Vermont Secretary of Transportation Ronald Crisman.

According to one citizen who attended the Rotary meeting, Crisman stressed that ''Middlebury must work hard to get the bypass. The Vermont legislature wants to see improvements in Route 7, and (is not concerned with) circular traffic patterns around the community.''

Although the selectmen have approved the westerly bypass, the advantages and disadvantages of the options were reiterated during the public hearing.

A bypass task force member cited the fact that the western bypass is nearly 3.3 times more expensive than the eastern route. Construction of the westerly route would cost over $ 15 million.

Another transportation priority discussed is the possible construction of the Three Mile Bridge. The only access the College community has to Route 7 South is over the Battell Bridge. As one Middlebury citizen stressed, ''some other connection'' is necessary, especially when ''the work force of the College leaves'' in the afternoon. Other options, including the Three Mile Bridge, must remain open, they said. Along with the western bypass, the Three Mile Bridge, selectmen said, would provide a decreased traffic flow over the Otter Creek Battell Bridge.

During the public hearing, one selectman also noted the change in land use, where the status of Route 7 South would become a protected highway district, or PHD. A small businessman complained about this particular zoning. He believes the PHD zoning puts the area surrounding the highway ''in limbo,'' and he added that commercial properties are not realized.

The businessman maintained, ''a great image for Middlebury College'' will be retained.

College to adopt East Asian major

By CHRIS RICE AND JOHN WAITE

A new interdisciplinary East Asian Studies major is now in the final stages of approval, moving toward final adoption by the College. The proposed major, described by John Berninghausen, Professor of Chinese, as ''within the spirit of liberal education,'' would focus on China, Japan and Korea, as well as include study of Chinese or Japanese language. The latter is offered only during the summer. The new major requires courses in at least four different departments, a senior thesis, and offers the options of study abroad in eastern Asia.

According to Berninghausen and Nicholas Clifford, Professor of history, the major arose primarily from student need. In the past, a few Middlebury students who wished to focus on East Asia with an interdisciplinary approach had to follow self-designed Independent Scholar Majors. The proposed major is somewhat structured in order to provide a balanced selection of courses. It would stand as an option distinct from a concentration in Asian Studies, or, for example, studying the Chinese political system.

Further, both professors commented that the major would be ideal for certain students in light of growing relations between the United States and China and Japan.

Berninghausen said that the proposed major is ''the result of planning that started more than 10 years ago by Clifford, in consultation with Professor of art, Robert Reiff and 'others.'' He added that the concensus then had been that until Chinese language was offered during the regular year, an East Asian major would not be practicable.

In 1976, when Berninghausen was hired, Chinese was first offered during the fall and spring terms and Clifford stressed that ''90 percent'' of the credit for the proposal lies with Berninghausen. Also playing a role in the major's development were instructor in religion, David Eckel, James McGough, assistant professor of sociology-anthropology, David Rosenberg and Hugh Wheeler, assistant professors of political science. These professors, along with Clifford, Berninghausen and Reiff, already teach most of the courses which the major will offer.

Berninghausen characterized Middlebury's current East Asian course offerings as ''extraordinarily strong for an undergeaduate college,'' adding that the proposed major could be ''a strong selling point in attracting students to Middlebury.''

As for educational opportunities in Peking, Berninghausen commented that Middlebury ''has begun preliminary exploration of the possibilities for student exchange with the People's Republic of China.''

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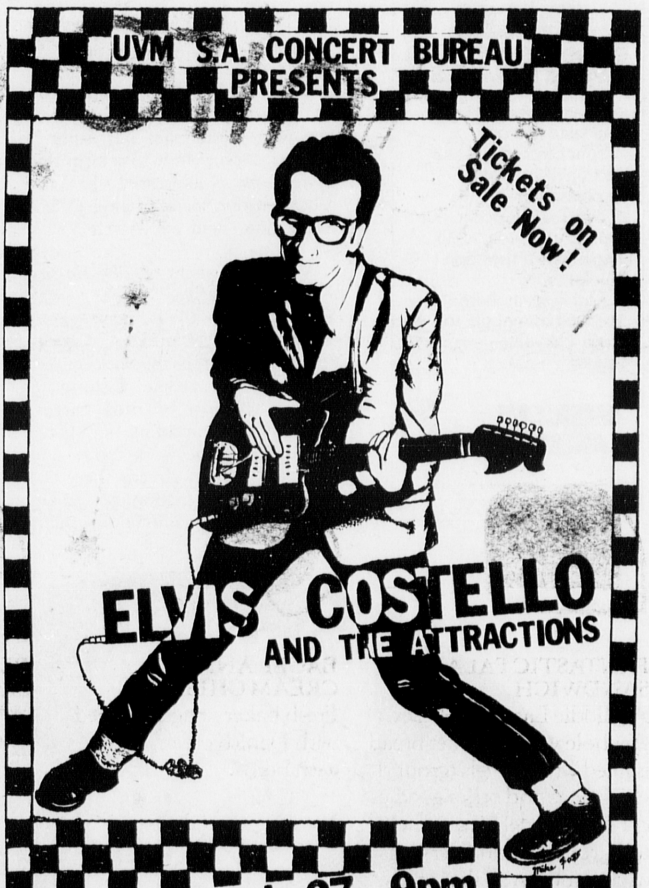

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Library vandals add to problem list

By PAUL CRAMER

Sometime between 3 and 7 a.m. Saturday morning, Feb. 24, Starr Library was broken into and vandalized for a cost of between $ 600 and $ 1,000 to the College community.

The perpetrators climbed up the outside scaffolding to the third floor, broke through some plastic sheeting, and kicked out a plywood door on the main level to enter the building. After pushing over a couple of the library's custom-made bookcases, the intruders ransacked a few offices and made off with an autotron device for the Xerox copier worth about $ 250. The device is used to make multiple copies by turning a key, and the library will be monitoring the paper flow in the copier to see if it can recover the device. The thieves also took one of the black chairs with a Middlebury emblem.

Vandalism at Middlebury is extremely rare, however, and Librarian Ron Rucker pointed out that "it is the first serious vandalism incident" of which he knows. Rucker is more concerned, however, about the "constant loss of things and the petty thievery" that takes place in the library every day. He explained that the library's problems are mostly "lost and theft" problems.

Rucker pointed out that after doing a library collection inventory during the last two summers, he found that the library loses about 1,100 books each year. And this figure does not include the Science Center, where losses are even higher in terms of percentage.

If the library could and did replace each book, figuring a cost of around $ 20 a volume, the losses roughly would exceed $ 22,000 a year.

The problem becomes even more complex because many of the books stolen from the library are out of print.

Photo by Ron Nieff

"In that case," explained Rucker, "we have two choices. We can either simply not replace the book, or we must look in the antiquarian book market for a copy of it."

The antiquarian book market primarily consists of traders and handlers who can charge rather exorbitant prices since they know that they are one of the few people who owns the book. In this market the prices soar, and staffing costs for tracking down the book increase also. Therefore, in many cases, it is no longer economically viable to replace the book.

"They're (the people who steal the books) not helping us weed out the collection," added Rucker, somewhat facetiously. On the contrary, most books that are stolen are valuable, somewhat esoteric, and in high demand. The disappearance of early imprint books from the 18th century is just one tragic example which Rucker cited.

"The collection is made poorer by the thefts," noted Rucker, but there also is a serious problem with books that are not checked out and are just "floating" around the campus.

"It causes a depreciation of the service quality of the library," responded Rucker, "because we don't know where the book is."

He cited the hypothetical case of a senior who needs a specific book for the completion of his thesis but the library can not provide it because they cannot locate it.

"That book might be worth $ 100 to that student," commented Rucker, and it is a somewhat immeasurable, intangible loss for the library. Rucker estimated that there are "hundreds if not a couple thousand books just out around campus," and the library can only get them back if students (and teachers) bring them back voluntarily.

Since the library has no real security system at the moment, it can only set up "psychological deterences" for students. Putting books on reserve is one way, but there are still many valuable volumes on the open shelves.

"We can't put everything of value on reserve or in the special collections wing of the library without inhibiting the functioning of the library," noted Rucker.

While the theft problem here at Middlebury is not nearly as bad as at bigger schools, anyone who denies the existence of the problem is being unrealistic. Rucker said he feels that the College should either leave the system as it is now or invest in a library security system. Checkers at the doors of the library are not feasible because they would not reduce losses substantially enough to be worth what Middlebury would have to pay them. But worse than that problem, checkers create animosity among students and a general attitude of distrust.

Rucker would rather see the College make a one-time investment in a security system that would eventually pay for itself. While it too can be circumvented, a security system with book tapes or something similar can reduce book losses from 70 to 90 percent, and the operating costs are quite modest. As it is now, he said, the library has "absolutely nothing" to prevent book losses.

Why students take books has been the subject of numerous studies, but Rucker said that there are two possible reasons. Either the person just does not want to be bothered checking out the book, which is just "plain discourteous," or, the "nastier reason," that he feels once he has the book he has a "monopoly" on it, preventing competition from other students.

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Entertainment

RCA sponsors unknown artist in concert tour

By PAUL ZECKHAUSEN

The price of a ticket for Frank Weber in concert March 9 is a mere $ 2.50. The reason for the discount ticket price is RCA's sponsorship of the musician, covering many of the expenses of the 20-concert New England tour. Without RCA's help, MCAB concert director John Hedden

Concert preview

'80 said that a ticket would have cost $ 6.50.

Ed Newmark, an RCA executive, "discovered" Weber and produced his first, and so far only, album entitled *"As the Time Flies."* The album was released last summer and sort of slipped out of sight.

Newmark and RCA say they feel, however, that the 25-year-old Weber will be a future power in contemporary music. Therefore, they are backing Weber's present tour with advertising, promotional radio ads and general funding.

The purpose of all this effort is to allow people to see Weber at a discount price and familiarize them with his music. This kind of total support is seldom heard of in the record industry as far as a college tour is concerned.

"Of the 20 stops on the tour, Weber has completed five already and four out of five schools have asked him to return," Hedden said.

Weber, who plays the piano, will bring a full band with him, including electric and acoustic guitarists, a bassist, a drummer, and a saxophone player. Hedden stated, "He should be able to effectively recreate the sounds from his album without all that production glop." He will not be bringing the players from the album, but the musicians who will accompany his are experienced New York instrumentalists.

The album, *"As the Time Flies,"* is an interesting work. Weber's musical style resembles the more mellow work of Billy Joel--lots of sax solos and piano. His voice also sounds like Joel's, with a touch of James Taylor sound blended together to form a strong, unique sound. Weber's straightforward lyrics deal with lost lover and wasted time.

He sings the lead and plays piano or electric piano on all the tracks. He also wrote all except one of the cuts , a Nat King Cole song that Weber does with a real New Orleans jazz sound.

The song "So Many Sides" is reminiscent of Joel's "Just the Way You Are," and Weber's "Complicated Times" calls to mind another Joel tune, "Stiletto". Overall the album consists of a nice, smooth, easy listening style of music.

With RCA's backing and the accompaniment of many big musical names (Richard Tee on keyboards, Steve Gadd on drums, John Trepea on guitar, David Spinozza on guitar, and Lou Marini on sax), he is predicted to go far.

All of this talent points to a very exciting concert in Mead Chapel Friday night at 8 p.m. At $ 2.50 a head, you won't be losing an arm or a leg, so check out Frank Weber.

Eating well

Students were inspired by a Winter Term course concerning nutrition to begin this column, which will be a weekly feature for the rest of the semester.

By WENDY MENZEL

Everytime you eat, you are making decisions about how you fuel yourself. Later you demand this fuel to support your daily activities such as athletics, studying, dancing, etc. In addition, you desire a fair complexion, healthy hair, good muscle tone, attentiveness, enough energy, resistance to disease and a trim figure. Are you making sound decisions? Do you have enough information to make sound decisions?

First of all, what kinds of decisions are you making, and what do they involve? The most obvious choice you make is exactly what to put into your stomach. Will you choose quick calories (sugar), slowly digested calories (fats), a stimulant (coffee)? Different choices will be appropriate at different times, and you can (and do) decide according to personal priorities and pressures.

Another choice you make is who you support. The food you eat gives people jobs, uses certain processes and packages, and grows in particular land regions. Will you support local dairies by buying their milk and cheese, the multinationals involved in banana harvesting, the administration by eating on campus, petrochemicals by using heavily fertilized foods? Perhaps unknowingly, food quickly becomes a political issue.

No matter what: you make a decision! Whether that is a conscious, informed, deliberate decision, however, is the main point. Awareness for nutrition means realizing that the food you eat represents a whole variety of relationships in which you have a responsibility. The relationship with your own health is one. Those with economic and political systems are others. But awareness of these relationships is a responsiblity. A conscious decision based on principle can be made only with adequate information. Where can you find this information? Information of this type is published and printed by the ton. As our class on nutrition during Winter Term discovered, this material is exciting and often myth-shattering. We would like to be able to share some of our sources and information by beginning this column on various aspects of nutrition. We welcome any questions; send them to Box C 3715.

WRMC up with the latest

WRMC-FM had finalized its spring programming schedule, and the station's policy of airing 33% new material helps WRMC keep its audience informed of the latest activity in the music scene.

But WRMC is not only music, and news and Special Productions occupy an increasingly important role in the programming. WRMC airs four news broadcasts daily. In addition to the 30 minute show at 5:00 p.m., there are ten minute programs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., and 9 p.m. Special Productions offerings have improved and are constantly expanding.

Currently a 10 watt educational station, WRMC is preparing to increase its broadcast power to 100 watts. Consultants in Washington are dealing with the legal arrangements which such a move would entail, and the station is in the process of purchasing the equipment needed for the construction and operation of a 100 watt transmitter.

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2:45 PM	WILDERNESS READINGS						
3 PM	Pam Cross **Classical**	Andrea MacRitchie **Classical**	Don Kreis **Classical**	Mike Tharp **Classical**	Tom Cagnina **Rock, Blues**	Caleb Rick **Bluegrass**	CHICAGO SYMPHONY
5 PM	NEWS	NEWS	NEWS	NEWS	NEWS		
5:30 PM	Great Atlantic	Smithsonian	French Show	National Lampoon	Stars & Stuff		
6 PM	Sarah Roeske **Classical**	CLASSICAL SPECIAL	Don Kreis **Classical**	Jack Foster **Classical**	Dave DePodwin **Rock**	Nell Stifel **Rock**	JAZZ ALIVE
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11 PM							THIRSTY EAR
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2 AM	Mike Kountze **Disco**	Eric Weber **Rock, Bluegrass**	Eric Rubel **Rock**	Clif Phillips **Rock**	Tom Pansky **Rock, Jazz**	Jeff Eaddy **Disco, Funk**	Clint McDonald **Folk**
4 AM	Dan Schiff **Rock**	John Caffry **Rock**	John Moreland **Rock, Folk**	Jim West **Disco**	Nat Damien **Rock**	Dan Newberry **Rock**	Jenny Weintraub **Folk**
6 AM							

Garbo laughs!

The American Movie Club will present Greta Garbo and Melvyn Douglas in "Ninotchka" this Friday in Dana at 7:00 and 9:30. One of the cinema's premier comedies, this classic was originally promoted as the first film in which "Garbo laughs!" As a Russian agent sent to Paris to check up on two errant comrades, Garbo succumbs to Paris, champagne and romance. She turns in a performance that is both witty and charming. The incomparable Ernst Lubitsch directs, and a sophisticated Melvyn Douglas provides Garbo the perfect foil.

Riaza plays 'profane the theatre'

By HYE KYUNG WHANG

"I am an anti—vanguard, anti-structure, anti-theatre. I write to profane the theatre, to write text with diabolic effects, to destroy the cyclical routines of people's thinking, behaviour," said Luis Riaza, the Spanish playwright who toured Middlebury with the "Ditirambo Teatro Estudio," a Spanish professional theater group. The troupe performed in McCullough Gym on March 2 and 3.

Ditirambo recreated the dilemma of Spanish liberalism and traditionalism in the two-act plays, "Pasadoble" and "El desvan de los hombres y el sotano de las nembras" ("The attic of men and basement of the bitches").

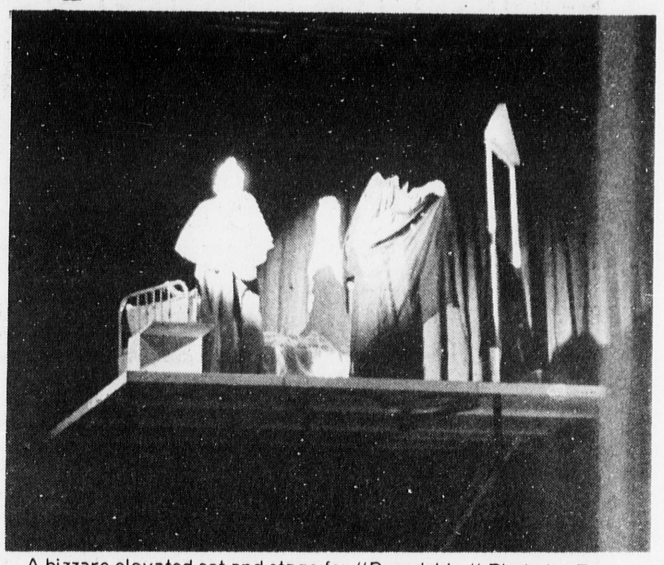
In "Pasadoble" a Spanish couple who are reconcilably antithetical are portrayed on their wedding anniversary candlelight dinner. The wife is the traditionalist—a Catholic of the land-owning class, a conservative, a nationalist, and likes only Spanish muse. The husband is the liber—an Atheist, a middle-class intellectual, cosmopolitan, and likes only foreign music such as Beethoven and Bach.

The ceremonious wedding anniversary is also antithetical. On one hand, the couple reminisce their youth and romance, constantly affirm their eternal loyalty, and dance graciously to the music of "Pasadoble." The Pasadoble is a music with a lively beat; however, the tone suggests melancholy and death. The Pasadoble is music which is played in the Spanish bullfights as the matador is about to kill the charging bull. Likewise, the husband and wife constantly divert into sadomasochismic games; they try to poison each other, stab each other, strangle each other and lash acrimonious insults at each other.

In the "Desvan de los machos y el sotano de las hembras" the actors portray a utopian society whose end is to remain a pretty patriarchal society. To achieve this, a triumverate male society revolves around a bed in the attic, with an underworld of "bitches" in the dungeon. The utopian society is also cloistered from the outside reality of heterosexual human beings, called "lepers."

The language of the texts was in archaic Spanish mixed with nonsensical rhymes and tongue-twisters. The playwright, in introducing the plays, consoled the audience who did not speak Spanish, saying, "Even if you spoke Spanish, you wouldn't understand the play any better."

Does the American audience respond any differently? "The acting was so good, it was disturbing," commented Susan Hepner '81, who does not speak Spanish. Many from the audience left the plays during intermission, bewildered and exclaiming, "It's so strong! it's scary!" Actor Claudio Paco observed, "The purpose of this theater is to clash the very tragic tragedy against the very comical comedy. The public experiences this juxtaposition, and revolts psychologically at the 'absurd' effect. What we should realize is that this phenomenon is an intrinsic part of Spanish society." Consequently, he said, "The wine of theatre may come to be the milk of death" as the jester figure philosophized in "Desvan de los Machos y el Sotano de las Hembras."



A bizzare elevated set and stage for "Pasadoble." Photo by Tom Arcidiacono.

Rosenberg writes on Philippines

By PAUL CRAMER

Bookshelf

"A popular government, without popular information or the means of acquiring it, is but the prologue to a farce or a tragedy; or perhaps both."

Taken from James Madison, this quote is how David Rosenberg, assistant professor of political science, has chosen to introduce *Marcos and Martial Law in the Philipines*, his new book on the Philippines' modern political experience. Rosenberg is the editor of the book, and he wrote one chapter. With two other American political scientists and two Philippino scholars contributing, the book attempts to explain how and why martial law was imposed, to present a documentary record of its political transformation, to examine the wider historical and theoretical significance of this transition to authoritarian rule, and to inquire into the problem of establishing a lasting, legitimate political order.

Having taken place in the turbulent year of 1972, Marcos' declaration of martial law received very little attention from the American press and people. Rosenberg points out, however, that the Philippines should be of particular interest for three reasons.

First, writes Rosenberg, "U.S. colonial rule and commonwealth tutelage in the Philippines represent the most determined and most extensive attempt to export American ideals and institutions to another country." The Philippines was once popularly regarded as the "showcase of democracy in the Orient," but martial law forces everyone to reevaluate that line of thinking.

Has the United States failed in trying to establish western style democracy in an Asian country, or was democracy really beginning to establish itself in the Philippines; thus becoming a threat to the politically elite, and necessitating its abolishment? Rosenberg explained that these are just two of the questions which the book tries to answer.

The United States also has a great stake in the Philippines economically and strategically. American big business has invested heavily in the country, and both the U.S. Navy and Air Force have one of its largest bases there.

Lastly, Rosenberg says that Americans should have an interest in the Philippines due to the human rights question that martial law presents. What kind of infringements are placed upon the Philippine people by the rule of Marco, what type of diplomatic position should the United States take in regard to this government? Does Marcos claim that a certain loss of civil liberties and representative government are necessary prices to pay for developing countries to achieve stable government have any grounds?

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Damsels, jesters feast at medieval dinner

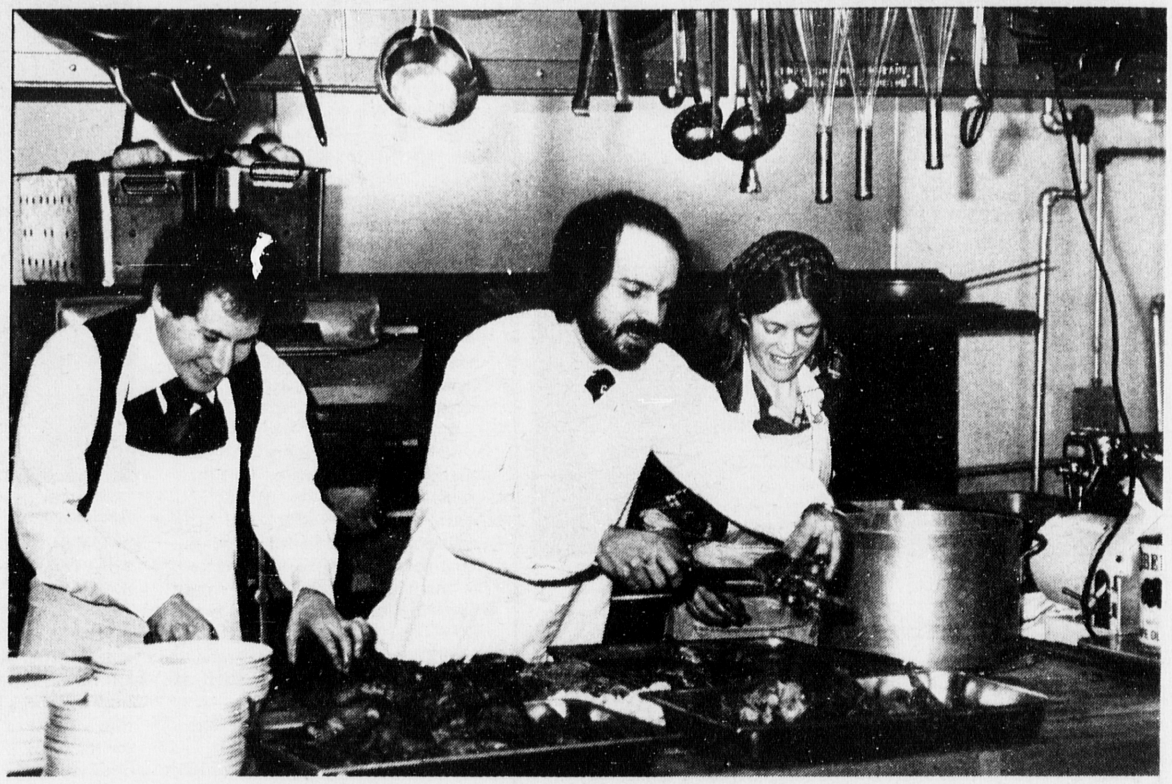
By PAM DINSMORE

January 27, 1479...a medieval castle hosts a magnificent feast fit for the court of King Charlemagne. Behind the oaken doors of "Le Grand Salon," court jesters joke merrily with kitchen wenches, while fair damsels decked in bejewelled gowns of satin and brocade flirt openly and dance with handsome suitors sporting smart doublets and hose. A roaring blaze crackles in the huge fireplace where madrigals gather to sing in sweet voice. Wait a minute...those faces look familiar...are we dreaming? Or could this be Middlebury College 1979?!

As a matter of fact, yes. This scene really took place in the Chateau during Winter Term. The event was the French Club Medieval Dinner, an annual event for the last three years. This year, the guests, who paid $6 each, were treated to the sumptuous French cuisine of Bob Sasse '79, aided by his co-chefs Leonard Krause '79 and Sarah Roeske '80.

Steve Gabriel '81, president of the French Club, asked Sasse two weeks before the event if he would take on the job of planning the menu and taking care of the actual "mise en scene." Once Sasse agreed, an intensive 10 days of planning and buying food for the nine-course meal was followed by four days of continuous cooking. According to Sasse, the total two-week preparations "went absolutely flawlessly."

The menu Sasse designed was truly fit for a king. Guests at the dinner were seated at tables covered with "lots of white linen" set with sterling silver and stemware. After sipping aperitifs of either kir (white wine and cassis) or dry sherry, they were treated to the following gastronomical extravaganza in "Le Grand Salon:"



Bob Sasse '79 (center), with the assistance of co-chefs Leonard Krause '79 and Sarah Roeske '80, prepare a menu "truly fit for a king." (Photos by Erik Borg).

1. Mousse de Saumon du Chateau avec sauce mousseline (Salmon Mousse)
2. Consomme Celestine (chicken consomme with shredded herbal crepes)
3. Pamplemousse Givec (Grapefruit Ice) The wine: Blanc des Blancs
4. Canton Roti au Poivre Vert (Roast Duck with brown sauce with green pepper corns)
5. Plateau des Fromages (Cheese Plate)
6. Salade Verte (Green Salad)
7. Orange "Entier" au Cointreau (orange sections in cointreau with candied orange peel) The wine: Cabernet Sauvignon '76
8. Bavarois aux Fraises (Strawberry Bavarian Cream with Kirsch
9. Buche des Bois de Ripton, fantaisie (made-up version of a log from the woods of Ripton: cake and butter cream with meringue mushrooms) The wine with dessert: Port

Waiters formally served and cleared each course.

Sasse explained that it was not an authentic medieval meal because it totally consisted of French cuisine. "We couldn't make it truly medieval because that would mean carving at the last minute, impossible with so many people."

He continued that a real medieval menu would have included such items as illusionary food (i.e. half a pig with a turkey sewed onto it) and huge roasts, first roasted then simmered in a sauce. Notwithstanding, no one seemed to mind the chefs choice of menu. "Not much food was left over," commented Sasse. "People ate every course. We planned it so that everything was spaced out and there was not an outrageous amount of food, just enough." No doubt, the allowance of over one bottle of wine per person did much to create a jovial and festive spirit.

Sasse, Krause and Roeske were in the kitchen during the entire time producing the feast. Sasse admitted that the job could not have been done without all three of them.

Asked whether he would undertake the job again, Sasse was dubious, stating, "It really was an enormous effort, but I'm very pleased that I did it at least once. It was really rewarding to see something like this happening at Middlebury, not being your regular social event."

Sasse is head of the "Equipe de Cuisine," which will be resuming activities in the spring.

Both his and Roeske's cooking skills are self-taught, whereas Krause has worked professionally in Washington.

As for all those jesters and madrigals, damsels and knights, monks and bishops, and even hunchbacks who were lucky enough to buy a ticket in the 15 minutes before they were sold out, it was indeed a jolly night of merry-making and a sumptuous feast to remember!

Susan Hayward, assistant professor of French, dressed in medieval garb, dances a minuet after dinner.

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Sports

Panthers earn berth in semifinals

By PAUL SCHEUFELE

Captain Mike O'Hara '79 recorded his third hat trick of the season and added two assists as the Middlebury Panther hockey team stomped on a mediocre Oswego St. team 7-2, in the quarter finals of the ECAC Division II West playoffs at Memorial Arena March 3.

The Panthers play Elmira St. in the semi-finals tonight at Elmira at 6:00 p.m. Last season, Middlebury lost to this same team in the finals, 5-2.

Middlebury proved its superiority in the first period by outshooting the Lakers 21-6, and outscoring them 3-1. "We were going faster than Oswego," said Coach Wendy Forbes. "We got good backchecking, good forechecking."

O'Hara waited only 24 seconds to put the puck in the net. He collected a pass from Mark Fernberg '80 while skating across the threshold of the crease, whirled around and nailed a backhander to the inside post.

O'Hara made it 2-0 when he deflected a Chip Clark slapshot into the net on the powerplay. "Chip (Clark) really played well," said Forbes. The Freshman defenseman had one goal and four assists.

Oswego retaliated on its first powerplay at 9:34, but the Panthers snubbed Oswego's attempt to make it a game when Tom Plant '79 trickled the puck past Oswego's goaltender, Mike Shevlin, just 13 seconds later.

The Panthers had several other chances to score; assistant captain John Watson who skated for his first game since an injury Jan. 12 in the Maine Holiday Classic, was denied three times by Shevlin. "It picked the team up to have John (Watson) in there. It gave us a bit of an injection," said Forbes.

Fernberg and O'Hara scored the only two goals of the second period, as their line was on ice for five of the Panther's seven scores.

Fernberg and O'Hara forechecked the puck away from Oswego at the blue-line and O'Hara stickhandled to the right face-off circle then dropped a pass to Clark. Clark rifled a pass to the breaking Fernberg, who deflected it over Shevlin's shoulder to lift the score to 4-1 at 2:58 of the second period.

Hustle and talent were again the ingradients that produced Panther goal number five. Chip Hagy '79 (four assists) weaved through three defenders then passed across the ice to Clark, who was stuffed. O'Hara, who trailed the play, rammed the rebound into the open net with 12:18 remaining in the period.

Seniors Tom Harris (24) and Mike O'Hara (8) set up a play in the Oswego zone in last Saturday's playoff contest. The Panthers won, 7-2. Photo by Chris Pratt

The Panthers outscored Oswego 2-1 in the third. Clark and Jeff Angers '80 scored for Middlebury. The Blue outshot the Lakers 46 to 28 in the game. Mike McNamara had 26 saves, many of which came from in close. "We made some mistakes, but Mac covered for us," said Forbes. "He was sharp as a cat, and in the game all the way."

The hockey team ended its regular season with a 7-6 loss to Plattsburg St. last Wednesday, Feb. 28 at Plattsburg. The loss dropped Middlebury to third place in ECAC Division II West standings with a 14-4-1 record. The team is 16-6-1 overall.

Plattsburg's Dan Gosselin scored with 7:53 remaining in the third period to send the Cardinals ahead, 7-5. Roger Nicholas '80 tightened the evenly played contest, 7-6, one minute and 46 seconds after Gosselin's goal. The Panthers pulled goaltender McNamara in the final minute of play, but Plattsburg staved off a barrage of Middlebury shots in the closing moments to maintain the victory.

Tom Harris '79 scored two goals and Clark added one to earn Middlebury the first period edge, 3-2. Plattsburg jumped ahead 4-3 in the second stanza as the first six goals of the contest came on power plays.

Despite three third-period goals for Middlebury (Dave Tenny '81, O'Hara, and Nicholas), the Cardinals skated away with the victory, 7-6.

Hoopers close season happily

By STEVE RILEY

"This is not the end. It is not even the beginning. It is, rather, the end of the beginning."

Winston Churchill said it first, but following the March 1 85-76 victory over Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Panther basketball Coach Russ Reilly would have been willing to reiterate the same idea. And Peter Murray '80 made everyone a believer.

Murray saw to it that seniors Geoff Sather, Mark Mauriello, and Greg Birsky were given the fitting conclusion to their individual Middlebury careers, while the Panthers finished the season with four straight victories and an 11-11 record (11-7 in Division III).

The 6'2" junior guard from Saratoga Springs, N.Y., turned in what was probably the finest shooting exhibition in Middlebury history, hitting on 15 for 18 shots from the floor and 1 for 1 from the line for 31 points in just 24 minutes of action. Murray also grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds and handed out five assists.

"I have maintained all along that Peter is our finest purest shooter and the only surprising thing about his performance tonight was that it didn't come sooner in the season. It is obviously one of many encouraging signs for next year," commented Reilly, who completed his rookie year as head coach.

Murray scored 20 of the first 32 points for the hosts, shooting 10 for 13 in the first 12 minutes of the game, mainly on jump shots from the 20-foot range. The Panthers extended their early 24-16 advantage into a commanding 46-35 lead on Bob Hamilton's bomb with 2:24 remaining. And they did it without Murray, who sat on the bench for the final eight minutes of each half.

Reilly added, "It was the senior's night and I wanted to stick with them for as long as possible. Also our philosophy all year has been to play three guards and rotate then and I stayed with it tonight even though Peter's performance was amazing."

The Panthers maintained a nine point lead at the half, as Lauri Rahnasto '81 hit on eight of his ten first half points in that stretch. Murray's driving one-handed shot and concurrent three-point play staked the lead at nine again, 56-47 with 15 minutes left.

The Engineers closed the gap to five on baskets by Ed Meyer and Tom Martinelli, but three baskets by Murray and then two by Kevin Kelleher '80 made it 68-55 Middlebury with 9:04 to go.

The lead hit its apex of 15 four times during the remainder of the game, the first time at 77-62 with four and a half minutes remaining on a Mauriello hoop. Sather scored the final three Middlebury baskets of the evening as Reilly cleared the bench with three minutes remaining.

Kelleher followed Murray with 15 points and nine rebounds, while Sather and Rahnasto had 12 points each. Bill Kelly scored 25 points for R.P.I. who finished the season with a deceptive 2-23 record.

Reilly commented on the season as a whole, "This team has gone a long way in one season. We tried to install a new system of basketball in the program and the kids responded well both offensively and defensively to that philosophy. We have built a solid foundation for the future with intelligent kids and super leadership."

As for the seniors, he added, "This was certainly a night which was super-emotional for them. They were three tough kids and the game of basketball meant a lot to them. They made my first year of coaching very easy, and I know how hard it will be to replace them."

After he spoke on the end, he turned to the beginning. "Again it must be emphasized that we had a good season overall. We won our last four games, which took a lot of character, and will make us a tough ball club in the future. Obviously I am apprehensive about certain particular slots which must be filled for next year. We would like to get a point guard and another forward is always nice, and we have some prospects, but it is too early in the admissions process to say who we will get for sure."

In all, it is perhaps the end for names like Birsky, Sather, and Mauriello, but for personnel like Murray, Kelleher, Rahnasto, and the others it appears to be only the beginning.

Kelleher, Blackmer receive awards

By STEVE RILEY

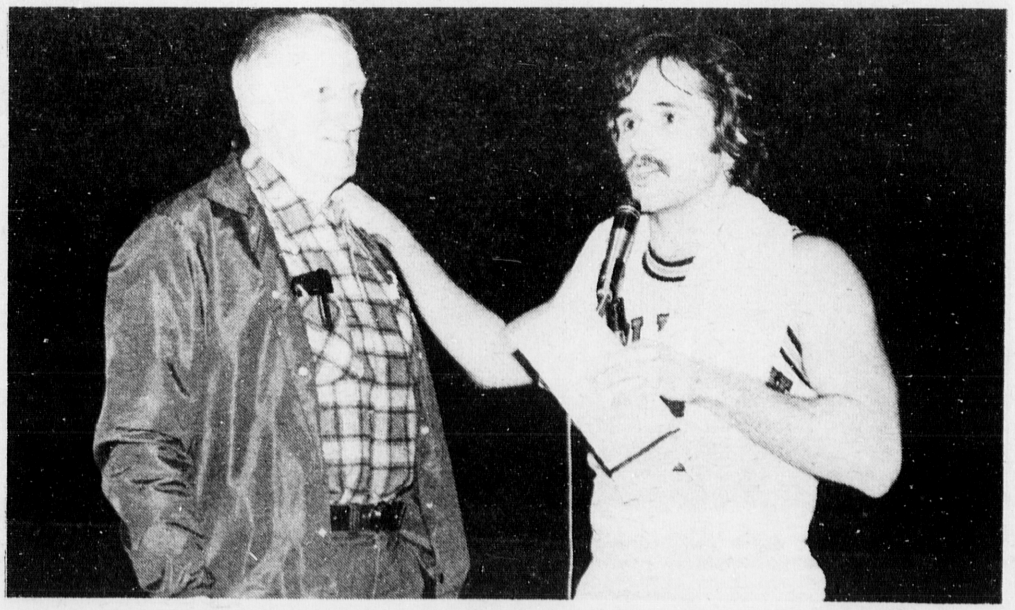
Two special presentations added to the emotional intensity of Middlebury's final home game of the 1978-79 season. Director of Athletics Tom Lawson presented a basketball to junior forward Kevin Kelleher in honor of his 1000th career point which he scored against Nichols on Feb 19. Kelleher is finishing his first three years at Middlebury with 1,093 career points, fifth on the all-time scoring list led by Kevin Cummings '76 with 1,236.

Also, the basketball team made a special contribution to Middlebury equipment manager Warren Blackmer on the occasion of his retirement this coming June. Blackmer has been a farmer in Vermont and has worked as a janitor and equipment manager at Middlebury.

He has been a lifelong Boston Celtics fan, but has never been able to see a game in person. Senior Greg Birsky made the special presentation to Blackmer which entitles him to a "Day with the Celtics." The gift includes tickets for the April 8th contest between the Celtics and the New Jersey Nets at Boston Garden.

Following the game Blackmer will go into the locker room to meet the players, and he will later have dinner with player-coach Dave Cowens. Blackmer will be joined be Birsky and the other tri-captains Mark Mauriello '79 and Geoff Sather '79, Lawson, Head Coach Russ Reilly and his wife and perhaps Mrs. Blackmer.

The gift was received by Warren at halftime of the game against Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute and he was greeted with a tremendous round of applause from the crowd.



Warren Blackmer receives award from Greg Birsky '79. Photo by Scott Kissinger and Tom Arcidiacono

Lacrosse coach Jim Grube: A coach and a teacher

By JIM RALPH

"He's amazing. He's one of the best coaches I've ever had." This is the type of statement one gets when he inquires about Jim Grube. If you have been fortunate enough to have dealt with him in his various roles as an assistant football coach and a physical education teacher, you already know this. But for most of the College community, this name will only become familiar as spring and lacrosse season roll onward. No matter what the case, you'll be left with the definite impression that Jim Grube is a good and unique person.

Why unique? Grube, a relative newcomer to the college brings a special philosophy to coaching and athletics and a rich and varied background to Middlebury. In these days of high-strung intercollegiate competition where the most important thing is to be a successful Division I coach, Grube has gone in the other direction. He points out that "I was never interested in going from Division II to Division I I aspired to go from Division II to Division III."

So Grube, a Lebanon Valley College graduate, gave up the position which he held for 7 years as head lacrosse coach and assistant football coach at the University of Delaware, a perennial power in Division II, to come to Middlebury. He filled the coaching position left vacant by Dennis Daly, assuming the same coaching duties he had at Delaware with the enthusiasm and zeal that is ingrained in his character.

Why a change from a higher level of competition and more prestige to the relative low-keyness of athletics at Middlebury? The answer is personal preference. Grube says that he "is not motivated by stadiums, crowds, getting on a charter plane and flying to banquets. To me, Middlebury is where intercollegiate athletics is at its purest state."

Grube, in the spirit of a school like Middlebury, perceives himself to be "charged with the same challenge that any other teacher at Middlebury has, and that's teaching students."

From this reporter's observation of the lacrosse team at practice, it seems that Grube possesses the fundamental qualities of a teacher. He has earned deep-rooted respect from his players and has promoted rampant enthusiasm. Player after player echoed the same sentiment, "He's done an excellent job of relating to us and has helped make us better lacrosse players."

No wonder Grube and the team are optimistic about the upcoming season. Both exude enough confidence to prompt him to say, "I would be disappointed is we did not win the ECAC title this year. That statement is made realizing that I'm a new coach and it is somewhat of a transitional year. From the player standpoint it is also a transitional year, in that key players that were involved in those ECAC championships teams are gone new."

If the season turns out as well as expected (and there is no reason to think otherwise), then a long love affair seems in sight between Middlebury and Grube.

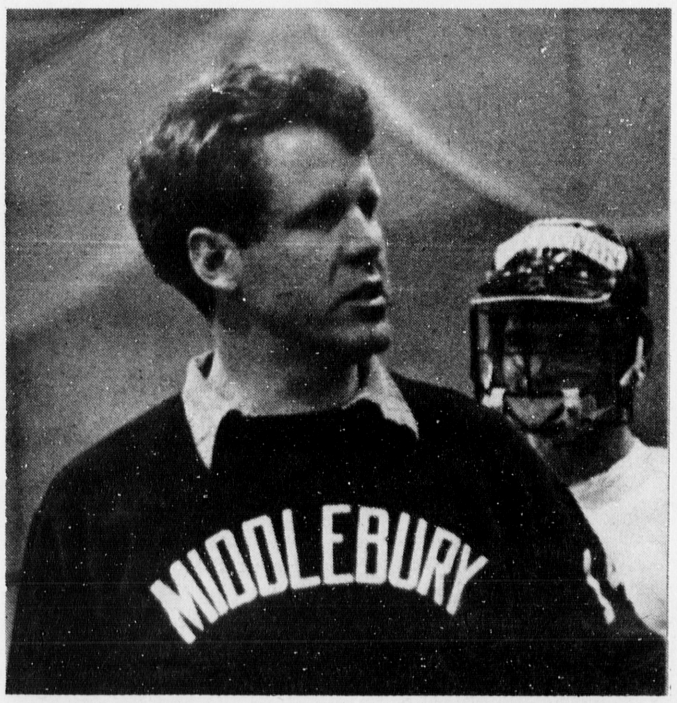
He also earned the respect and praise of his fellow coaches.

Coach Mickey Heinecken, a close friend of Grube since Heinecken's Delaware days, said, "He possesses a technical expertise in both football and lacrosse, as well as a coaching philosophy in tune with the rest of the program. He's a forward-thinking person, liberally minded, who leads a conservative lifestyle. He's the type of person who just does not have any enemies."

Athletic Director G. Thomas Lawson, added, "He possesses a complete belief in the philosophy of a Division III school both academically and athletically. Like the rest of the department, he believes that athletics are a functioning part of any individual's education."

Grube expresses a mutual affinity for the College, "I've always wanted to coach at a small, liberal arts school, and I can not think of a place I'd rather be than Middlebury, Vt."

For Grube, his stay has been a pleasant experience, "as dealing with a student who is as academically talented as a Middlebury student is very enjoyable."



New Lacrosse Head Coach Jim Grube gives instructions to his players during practice. Photo by Eileen Skudder

Panthers P.J. Murphy '81 (11) and Dave Tenney (14) close in on the Oswego net in last Saturday's playoff hockey action. Photo by Chris Pratt

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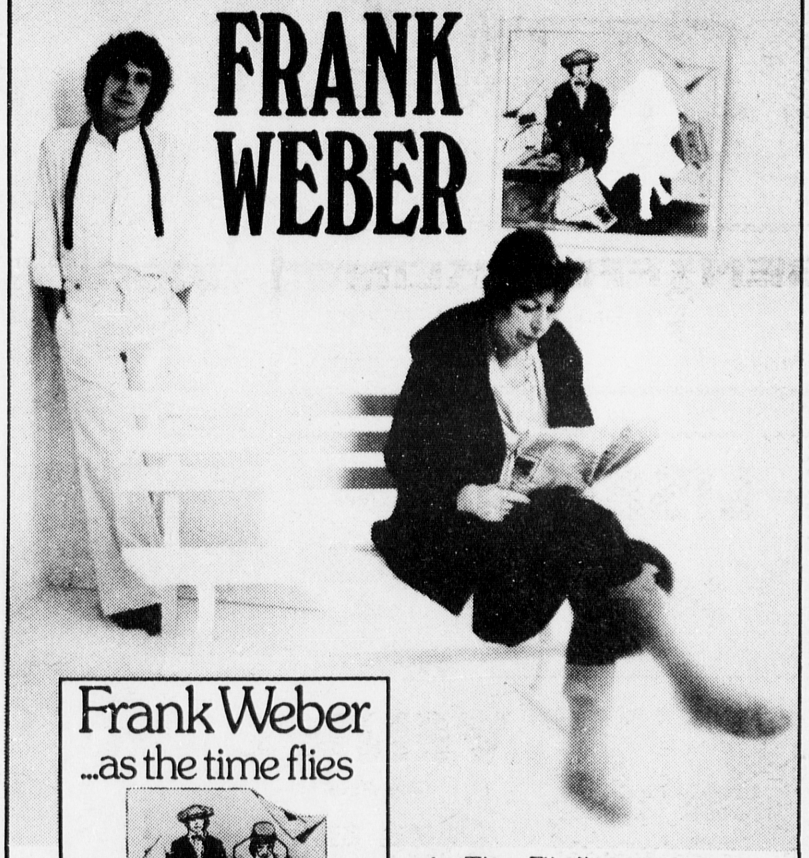

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Women's hockey

Good tournament play highlights improved season

By STUART RICHARDS

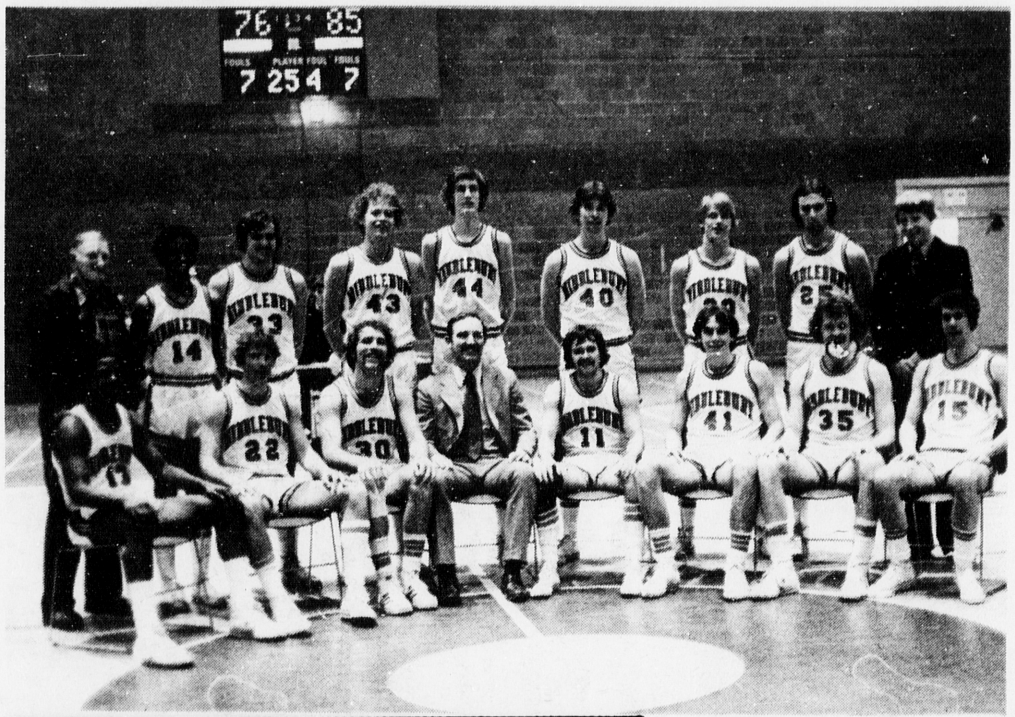
The women's hockey team held UVM to two goals Feb. 28 as they succumbed, 2-0, in what Coach Toby Davis called "our best game all season." Earlier, Middlebury had lost to UVM 7-1. With the end of the regular season, the team traveled to the Dartmouth Women's Invitational Tournament this weekend.

The Panthers played a "super first period" on Feb. 28, according to Davis, allowing no goals from the strong UVM team. The second period saw a letdown, though, as Margo Huber broke through the Midd defense to score from the slot at 11:04. The Catamounts doubled their score with a quick goal by Ellen Gray in the upper right hand corner at 14 seconds into the third period, but the Panthers came back, holding UVM to its two-goal advantage until the final buzzer.

In tournament action, Middlebury lost to Boston University on March 2, 8-2. The Midd goals came from Sophomores Cammy King and Nancy Behnken. On Saturday, however, the Panthers wound up on the winning side of that 8-2 score against Colgate, with goals coming from senior Captain Mary Porter, who had a hat trick; freshman Sue Lyle, who scored two; sophomore Mimi Polk; senior Marion Taylor; and a tip-in by King off a shot by freshman Julie Stabler. As Porter put it, "everyone really put out," including freshman goalie Maggie Gordon, who had a superb game.

Outgoing coaches Toby Davis and Andy Woolford, seniors this year, agreed that the team has improved greatly over the course of the season, but still needs to be "consistently aggressive." Porter is likely to receive the Most Valuable Player award, not only for her skating but for the time and energy she spent organizing this year's schedule, and King is slated to receive the Most Improved Player award.

With increased support from the student body, the club will receive varsity status within the next two years. With more and more experienced players graduating from high school hockey programs, the team will have sufficient talent and depth to merit varsity status, and will only lack a full-time coach. This year's assistant coach, sophomore Jay Petrow, will take over next year to guide the club on to what may well be its best season ever.



The Middlebury Panthers men's basketball team poses at the conclusion of its 1978-79 season. Photo by Anne Cowherd

good sports ...

BY KRIS MIX

Geoff Sather, a senior tri-captain of the men's basketball team, was unable to contribute his talents to the squad for most of last month due to injury. After 15 of the scheduled 22 games were played, Geoff developed severe back trouble and was forced to stop competing with the team.

"I started getting stiffness in my lower back at Christmastime," he said. "It would loosen up as the day wore on, then a few weeks later it wouldn't."

In order to play in 11 post-Christmas contests Geoff wore " a brace thing like a girdle and had my back taped and iced——we just went through the whole routine.

"Then for the St. Mike's game (Feb. 7) I couldn't even bend over. The pain was incredible." He was hospitalized, given pain killers and x-rayed. From those pictures of his spine the doctors discovered the nature of his unique problem.

"There are a couple of things wrong," Sather said. "They're all birth defects. I have a disc and a half extra, but that's fairly common. Most people have a sacroiliac joint (between the hip bone and the vertebrae near the base of the spine); I don't. It's just fused there.

"It was getting more and more irrated as I played. Basketball is hard on the back with all the jumping up and down on the hard floor. After 15 or 16 years I guess it decided enough was enough."

Because the condition is congenital, Geoff has had to accept it as most likely permanent.

"There's not much that can be done," he noted. "No operation, no physical therepy, no muscle-easing drugs. The doc said I'll have some good days and some bad. I might even be able to run some days, but no more basketball.

"So," he added, "I'm working on swimming and my golf game."

According to his own recollection Geoff has been playing basketball "forever." He lived in Greece for nine years——between the ages of 5 and 14——and picked up the game there. At Brattleboro Union High School Geoff played three varsity sports, and was recruited to Middlebury primarily because of his soccer skills.

Once he arrived, however, basketball became his favorite sport, and he knew he'd have to work hard to play here. He quit soccer and focused his attention on the winter season instead.

He was a high jumper on Brattleboro's track team, and one on his specialities was "the flop. I had to work on my back then; it got stiff during the spring, usually around state meet time, but it never really affected my performance"

Other Middlebury basketball players with fairly healthy pasts have been experiencing back problems this season too, tri-captains Mark Mauriello '79 and Greg Birsky '79 among them.

"We're trying to figure out wether it's all concidence or because of some of the drills we do," Sather said. "I never had any problems until this year. Neither did Greg or Mark."

One particularly taxing drill——a defensive shuffle called "footfires"——involves squatting in place and picking up each foot successively as fast as possible, and ultimately jamming each down on the floor again and again.

"It's really challenging to the legs, and your back absorbs a lot of that shock," Sather commented. "Who knows if that's the problem or not though; it's just speculation."

It wasn't easy to give up the game he has played for 15 years during his senior year as tri-captain. Geoff tried to make the withdrawal as painless as possible. He worked with Coach Russ Reilly and team physician Dr. Frank Bruch during the last week of practice in order to be able to put in a "token appearance" in the final game of the season March 1 against R.P.I.

Instead of a brief appearance Geoff ended up playing more than half of the game and contributed 12 points to the Panther's 85-75 victory.

"I paid for it the next morning," Sather said. "It really didn't affect me during the game. I was playing on pure adrenalin.

"After thinking that I would never play again, to come back and find myself in that position was quite an emotional high."

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Skiers go for the gold in nationals

By KRIS MIX

Ten Middlebury women have qualified to compete in the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Championships to be held March 7 to 10 by virtue of their performances throughout the season.

While the women are skiing in Marquette, Mich., 12 Middlebury men will be wearing the blue at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Skiing Championships in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

The women will be attempting to regain the crown they lost last spring to the University of Utah, and the men hope to have one of their finest NCAA showings ever.

Following is a listing of the individuals who will represent Middlebury and some season highlights.

The men's alpine team will be composed of *Jeff Nichols* '80, who won a Vermont Jr./Sr. series race at Stratton Mountain Jan. 6 and who took first in the Dartmouth Winter Carnival slalom event. Nichols has trained at Stowe for the past few years.

Peter "Bubba" Kenney '79, a 4-year team member and two-time All American (in 1975 and 1976) who his coaches call "a slalom ace."

Rich Ross '81, whose most recent achievement was a second place finish in Middlebury's Winter Carnival slalom event, and who also had an 8th at Dartmouth. He had a hot season going last year (first, third, seventh and eighth place finishes in four Carnival races) but broke his hand and was forced to stop skiing.

Scot Reichelm '82, a Stratton Mountain School graduate who won a Jr./Sr. series at Stowe Jan. 14 and who has placed consistently among the top 15 skiers at Carnival

Scott Reichelm '82 running the slalom course at Carnival. Photo by John McLendon

Jim Taylor '82, who won a regional FIS slalom event Jan. 12 and took third in the Giant Slalom at Williams. He has also placed consistently among the top 10 skiers at carnivals this season.

The Middlebury nordic skiers will be led by co-captain *Jim Goodwin* '79, who took second in the UVM Carnival cross-country event and who also placed well in the Dannon series races in competition against U.S. Ski team members before the carnival began. Goodwin skied in the pre-Olympic trials at Lake Placid, N.Y.

Other team members include *Jim Renkert* '81, who won the Middlebury Carnival race and took second at Williams, and should have a strong showing at Steamboat Springs.

Rick McGuire '82, who, like Renkert, comes from Anchorage, Alaska, and who won both the St. Lawrence Carnival race Jan. 19 and 20 and the Williams Carnival race Feb. 16 and 17.

John Tormondson '82, who captured third place at Middlebury and fourth at UVM, and who also skied in the pre-Olympic trials at Lake Placid.

The best of the best: Sara McNealus '79. Photo by John McLendon

Middlebury's jumping squad will be composed of *Chris Axelson* '80, who trained with the U.S. Nordic Combined Team last fall, and was a top class B skier at a Brattleboro meet in Feb., placing seventh overall in a field of 80 jumpers. Axelson took seventh again in the Middlebury Carnival jumping event at the Snow Bowl, and was the third-ranking American in that meet.

Jamie Hutchins '82, who is probably the best junior jumper in the east, and as such would be competing in the Junior National Championships at Squaw Valley if they did not conflict with the NCAAs. He was first in the Junior Class at Brattleboro and in the top 15 there overall, and had an 18th place finish at Middlebury.

Tom Calcagni '82, who was the best high school jumper in Vermont last year (Calcagni comes from Rutland) and who would also be competing at Squaw Valley as a junior if he weren't going to the NCAAs. He took 10th at Dartmouth, eighth at Williams and 17th at Middlebury.

The Middlebury women's alpine ski team includes: *Sue Long* '82, who won a Vermont Jr./Sr. series slalom at Stowe Jan. 14 and who has placed among the top 10 skiers in Carnival meets.

Jill Firstbrook '80, a transfer student from Colby-Sawyer who has skied well for Middlebury and who took fourth in the Giant Slalom event at Dartmouth.

Brooksie Neal '82, who has placed consistently among the top 15 skiers in Carnival races.

Dani Shaw '82, who placed highly in the UVM Carnival and has done extremely well in the Vermont Jr./Sr. series. Shaw places consistently among the top 10 skiers in Carnival competition.

Sara McNealus '79, who is skiing incredibly well as is evidenced by her two wins in the Middlebury Carnival. She beat three ex-U.S. Team skiers in gaining those double victories—a rare occurance in itself.

The Middlebury women's nordic team includes *Edie Bennett* '82, who won the St. Lawrence Carnival, placed 5th at Middlebury and Williams and 8th at Dartmouth.

Kathy Connor '82, who has placed consistently in the top 15 skiers in Carnival nordic events, and who took ninth at Middlebury.

Tracy Lyons '81, a surprising addition to the team after coming to Middlebury as a February freshman last year who has placed second at St. Lawrence, third at Dartmouth and seventh at Middlebury.

Jim Renkert '81 is Middlebury's brightest nordic hope in the NCAAs. Photo by Peter Duncan

Tara McMenamy '82, a U.S. Development Team member who took second at Dartmouth and Williams and third at Middlebury, and who skied in the pre-Olympic trials at Lake Placid,.

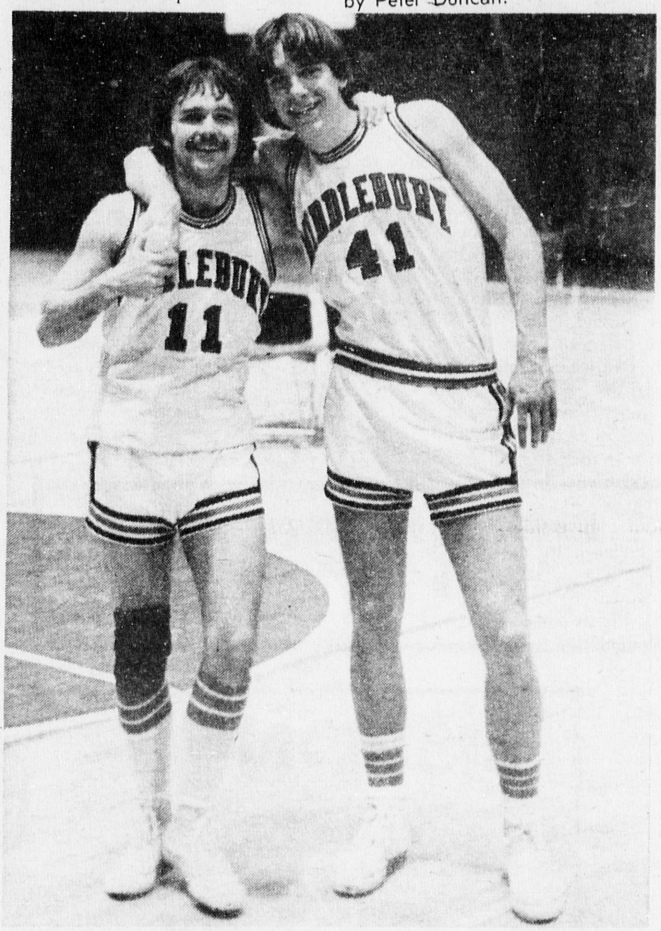
Alice Tower '81, another Alaskan who won the Dartmouth, Williams, UVM and Middlebury carnivals' cross-country events.

Both Middlebury's men's and women's alpine and nordic teams are among the best in the country and should finish well. The women, according to Assistant Coach Peter Ord, have an excellent chance of winning the alpine event as a team, and the women's nordic team should also do extremely well in Michigan as the altitude there is comparable to that of Breadloaf.

Ord also said the men's alpine team is "competitive with anybody in the country" and has a good chance of winning the slalom event. Middlebury's men cross-country skiers will be at a disadvantage, however, as the Steamboat Springs course is 7000 feet above sea level, a difference of roughly 5000-5500 feet from the Breadloaf altitude. Nevertheless, a respectable finish is anticipated.

The men's jumping event should be the most difficult for Middlebury. 50 percent of the field will be Norwegian, and only the top 15 jumpers score points for their teams. Assistant Coach Tom Fulton said that "on a really good day all three (Middlebury jumpers) could be in the top 15."

Alice Tower '81 runs through a warm-up lap at Carnival. Photo by Peter Duncan.



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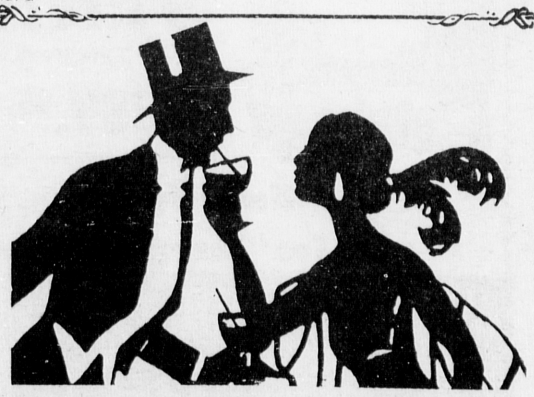

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Foreign students: unrecognized minority

By *SARAH GAGE*

What compels a student to leave the shadow of Iceland's Mount Hekla to find herself amidst Vermont's Green Mountains? What kind of experience do most foreign students have at Middlebury and how do these students native countries compare withe the United States? These type of questions were recently directed to Middlebury's foreign student community in an investigation of this relatively low-profile group.

Approximately 60 foreign students are currently enrolled at Middlebury, a third of whom are Canadian. While the percentage of foreign students does not rival that at Cornell University or Wellesley College, the number has been increasing in the past years. The three main geographical areas represented by the group are Europe, the Orient, and the Middle East. Many of these students not only share a transient international backround, but similar views on the United States with their outsider's perspective.

Not surprisingly, many foreigners choose to matriculate at Middlebury for reasons which parallel those of Americans. Marinda Liu '82, originally from Hong Kong, said she wanted "a small, coed, New England, liberal arts college with close proximity to skiing." For many Americans, this list suffices, but for many foreigners, there are additional incentives to attend an American university.

The most common reason for attending college in the United States is both the nature of the total college experience in America and the liberal arts approach of American universities. Most foreign colleges are based on the English system, in which a career choice must be made by the conclusion of secondary school and where competition for admission is great.

Gambia, a small nation near the western tip of Africa, according to Musa Nasso '81, has a highly competitive series of exams which must be passed by college-bound students at the end of their fifth and sixth forms. Interestingly, Gambia sends all of its academically elite students abroad, since domestically there is only a teachers' college.

Charlotte Rauwenhoff '82, from the Netherlands, explained that she wanted to be certain of her suspected interest in psychology before making her important college commitment. Rauwenhoff made the point that most European universities are centered in cities, and are more like commuter colleges without specialized campuses. In order to participate in an activity such as extracurricular sports, one must join a specific club in Holland. Charlotte also enjoys the spontaneity and closeness which dorm life fosters, commenting that "there is never a dull moment."

Students such as Malik Mufti '81 from Jordan, and Hye Kyung Whang '81 from South Korea, cited the internal political turbulence as a compelling reason to seek an education in a more stable environment.

Finally, the desire to experience another culture rather than to take the role of a passive tourist was cited as an important impetus. The acquisition of a different perspective, regarding themselves and their countries was another desire many expressed. David Jarkoni '81, who is from Israel, said that the presence of foreigners is "beneficial for the American students as well."

In assessing the nature of American society, many foreign students spoke of their stereotyped ideas which were quickly dispelled.

Dutch freshman Ingeborg Hazewinkel's prior contact with Americans consisted of someone who "had a fat stomach, wore brightly colored pants, a baseball hat, chewed gum, and perpetually asked 'how are you?'."

Indeed, the more relaxed life style of Americans shocked Mufti, who expected to wear a coat and tie to classes. The size of the United States as a nation and its unoccupied spaces particularly pleased city-bred Madoka Etoh '82 of Japan.

In terms of adjusment difficulties, language was most problematic in the initial months. For Nasso and Iranian Marjan Khoyi '81, the proverbial "culture shock" existed, as Nasso found the chemically processed American foods very different from the Gambian fresh fruits and meat.

Many differences exist between the United States and the countries represented here. Many students affirmed the traditional world conception that American society is one in which the individual and the satiation of his desires is stressed. Accordingly, many foreign students were shocked by the apparent superficial nature of people. Though the emphasis on the individual was always discussed, its value as a positive social trait is very often dubious.

Family unity is a common topic of discussion. For Jarkoni and Khoyi, the family is the central social unit which demands the attention of each member. This unity, is, very much in contrast to the more fragmented American family.

The emerging equality of women was another social topic discussed, and the students' consensus was that the United States' emphasis on "women's lib" is the strongest. In Jordan, women do not have as much "vocal representation" as they find here. In South Korea, women do not occupy high positimns because of the treditional structure of society. In Israel, however, women are on a parity with men, due to a cumpulsory military service which unites them in jobs as well as in a sense of common purpose.

All of these students come from nations whose political organization and dominating political parties is significantly different from the U.S. system. Countries such as Gambia, the Netherlands, and Israel are based on the English parliamentary system. Iceland, in particular, had a different emphasis than that of the United States, because of the Communist-Socialist coalition, which is quite strong. Government regulation of industry is very active, according to Katrin Holton '82. From a foreign perspective, the United States is resented for corporate intervention in Japan and Iran, but is seen as the "promised land" by Icelanders and Gambians.

Each foreign student asserted that they were happy with their overall experience at Middlebury College. They find that they can preserve their uniqueness, and still fit in with other Americans. Most of the foreigners felt that there were people to whom they could turn in case of any difficulties in adjusting.

Erica Wonacott, dean of students, stated that she "feels badly that more was not done for them."

About half of these students would like to see both more foreign students here and the development of a formal student organization. Such a group did exist in the past, according to Charles Brakeley, foreign student advisor, but the small number of students and the fact that all they have in common is that "they are strangers in an American university" always has hindered any lasting organization. The students' collective, positive encounter with Middlebury was best summarized by Whang, "To make Americans aware of foreign countries and to have good friends is more than I can ask."

Moscow accepts ten Midd students

By ANDREW PURVIS

In the Spring of 1977, the Ministry of Education in Moscow, following negotiations by mail and by personal interview, granted Dr. Robert L. Baker, chairman of Middlebury's Russian department, permission to organize a language program in their capital. Dr. Baker's initiative resulted in the introduction of the 'Moscow semester' in the Fall, 1977. Each term, 10 Russian department students from Middlebury College have an opportunity to participate in a society, that, for so many of their contemporaries studying elsewhere in the United States, must be experienced secondhand: in a textbook or on a screen.

The Pushkin Institute in Moscow, under whose auspices the Middlebury program was fostered, opened three years ago. Before this opportunity arose, six Middlebury students had attended the American Council of Teachers of Russian, a program initiated in 1975. The unqualified success of these students engendered concrete respect for Middlebury's Russian department in the ranks of the Ministry of Education. Baker, one of the most revered in his field, thus received the Ministry's authorization to organize the uniquely exclusive Middlebury program.

Last fall, 10 students, all having completed a third-year Russian course at Middlebury, flew to Moscow, immediately realizing every language student's expectation: cultural immersion. The students' motivations varied considerably. Melissa Anderson '80, and Melanie Hession '79, both cited practical considerations of diplomacy and international commerce respectively. Reggy Rice '79, and Neil Brisson '80, on the other hand, attributed their decisions to a "wonder-lust" or an interest in the exotic. None of these students, however, counted on the "Moscow semester" when they enrolled in the Russian department.

Tuition, living quarters, meal and transportation allowance, and various tours organized by the Pushkin Institute, were included in a comprehensive fee of $250. The tuition, $75 a month, financed courses in every aspect of the spoken language, one in literature, and a cultural survey course. Because the Institute did not have sufficient student lodging, the Ministry provided rooms in a hotel, roughly one hour by public transport from the classes. Anderson described the walls of her abode as "pinkish-purple" and a little too close together for three people to live in for as many months.

The students could eat where they pleased; either buying their food at a scantily stocked government food store, or sitting down at a student cafeteria if time allowed. Although the cafeteria food was very cheap, as Baker said, "compared to it, Middlebury food is fit for the gods."

On Thursdays of the six-day academic week, excursions to museums, monasteries, or exemplary primary and secondary schools were conducted by the Institute. Hession appreciated a visit to a kindergarten. She was fascinated by the portrayal of Lenin as a "jolly uncle" figure. This image, couched in the playful sincerity of children's song and game, encouraged her to ask the professor, rather tentatively, when they began their ideological indoctrination. The reply was frank, "Right from the start! (trans. !).

When then considered with the teachers' wholly non-derogatory interpretation of "indoctrination," the answer was typical of the sincerity which she perceived in many of her Muscovite acquaintances.

Although the Middlebury group was not permitted outside the Moscow city limits by itself, several weekend trips sent them to Kiev, Vladimir, Leningrad and Novgrf. The Pushkin Institute conducted these tours, but apparently time was the only significant restriction on their wanderings in the towns.

The Middlebury students found numerous non-academic means of diversion. Anderson smiled at the recollection of an awkward incident five days after their arrival. She and two friends, not altogether unwillingly, had been whisked off to the apartment of four accomodating young Soviets. Ushered into the living room, they were then politely asked to undress. The direct translation left the already slightly suspicious Middlebury girls quietly petrified. Relief came with a stilted smile and a shifty glance, when they discovered that the request was a colloquialism refering only to their coats! For Anderson, this unpropitious introduction led to a close friendship with one of the four. Not entirely confident in her grasp of the language, she found chatting with a familiar person enormously helpful in mitigating the otherwise intimidating force of a new language and culture.

The semester proved not only fascinating in cultural aspect, temporarily satiating the "wonder-lust", but also practically instructive with regard to intended careers. Anderson's diplomatic aspirations, for example, were cooled, with the thought of living in the restrictive, isolated diplomatic communities in Moscow. Brisson found the possibility of future employment with International Harvester, an organization well-suited to his extensive farming experience.

"The Pushkin Institute is still young," noted Baker, "it is open to criticism and the program is improving as a result." If numbers indicate some degree of popularity, the Russian department's reputation is improving:
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Hayward, Maguire appeal tenure decisions

Junior faculty members question which qualifications are needed to secure reappointment and tenure.

By WENDY BASSETT

The recent tenure and reappointment decisions were not greeted with equanimity by all those involved. Faculty members and students have questioned not just the reappointment decisions concerning individual cases, but the process itself. Two teachers who have been denied reappointment, Susan Hayward and Karen Maguire, feel so strongly about their cases that they are appealing their decisions to the Appeals Committee.

Maguire, instructor of French came to Middlebury after teaching for a year at Bowdoin College in Maine. This year she was up for her four-year review, and she was not reappointed. She said that the decision did not come as a great surprise to her. She said, however, that the fact that she did not receive a one-year terminal reappointment, an established practice when a faculty member does not pass the three- and four-year review, was a rude shock.

Hayward, assistant professor of French, has five years of prior service at Simmons College in Boston. She was due for a review for tenure after teaching at Middlebury for three years. "I considered myself a very strong candidate," Hayward said. Not given tenure, she received a one-year terminal reappointment.

Hayward and Maguire are appealing their decisions on procedural grounds. Their major complaint is that the College *Handbook*, their only guideline to the reappointment and tenure process, is not clear as to the rules and regulations regarding this process.

"Statements must be clarified," stated Hayward. She pointed out that only one short paragraph appearing on page 5 in the *Handbook*, describes the qualifications which the College seeks when considering a faculty member for a tenured position. This paragraph, Hayward continued, is very vague. Hugh Wheeler, assistant professor of political science, who was given a one-year terminal reappointment, agrees with Hayward and Maguire that the rules regarding reappointment should be more clearly defined. "The rules state that if you do such and such you can stay. This is simply not true."

Wheeler pointed out that, obviously, the College is not financially equipped to tenure every faculty member. "Everyone probably understands the name of the game," Wheeler said, "But President Olin Robison's statement 'Tenure will be the exception rather than the rule,' is not sufficiently stressed."

Not only are the rules and regulations unclear, said Maguire, but when a faculty member is denied reappointment he is never told by either the Committee on Reappointment or the administration on what basis the decision was made. Maguire and Wheeler concurred on the complaint that no information is made available to the faculty members.

Hayward pointed out that at other colleges (i.e. state universities in Massachusetts and Simmons College) a candidate for reappointment is informed of his status as each step of the process. "At Middlebury, the candidate is not told anything at all until the final decision has been made," Hayward said.

It seems to these three that campus politics and connections also play an important role in the reappointment process. Older faculty, they said, have an image of the Middlebury-type person, and those who are reappointed or granted tenure tend too fit that mold. "I don't condemn it," Wheeler commented. He recognizes the need to have a congenial faculty at a small school such as Middlebury. The extent to which such factors play a role in the reappointment procedure remains undetermined, but Maguire and Hayward said they hope their appeals will force a reexamination of the process and basis on which reappointment and tenure decisions are made.

In planning for the future, Wheeler is looking for a job outside the teaching profession—perhaps in the Federal government. If the appeals are not decided favorably for Hayward and Maguire, both state that they will not continue teaching, at least not in the United States.

"I don't think I could go through another grueling tenure decision," Hayward commented. She said that she is thinking of going back to England. There, she said, "One is appointed differently—at least tenure is not an issue." Maguire said she is unsure of her plans and is considering law school as one of her options.

Decisions cause unrest at other schools, too

By JAMIE MARX

Controversy arising from tenure decisions are not unique to Middlebury College. Newspapers from other eastern colleges are flooded with articles on tenure, many emphasizing the student role in the process.

An article from the *Vermont Cynic* (University of Vermont's weekly paper) read, "Why wouldn't an active interest in instructing students be the primary consideration of evaluating a professor's performance? Are students at this university here to receive an education, or are we just a cog in the clockworks of improving UVM's academic stature? What are we receiving for our overinflated tuitions anyway?"

Cynic contributing editor Helen Pelzman was responding to the refusal to grant tenure to a sociology professor who is an admitted Marxist. In describing the argument for tenure, Pelzman stated, "Tenure is a necessary tool to attract people to lower paying faculty jobs by providing them with the job security which tenure implies."

Many UVM students, however, have said that student input should be more than just a nicety supplied by the administration which has little or no effect on the process.

The Wesleyan *Argus* also has been bustling with tenure articles. At Wesleyan, students have no say at all in the review process except for serving in a useless advisory function. Administration heads at Wesleyan have said they feel that students do not have the foresight to make tenure decisions. Students are only there for four years, the argument runs, and a grant of tenure can keep a professor at the school for 35 years.

Administrators also note that students can only evaluate the teaching ability of a professor. Because other outside factors should contribute to the decision, they say, student involvement in the process is limited.

The Bowdoin *Orient* described a different tenure problem at Bowdoin College. The college's president, Willard Enteman, recently outlined a plan to impose limitations on the number of tenured positions available in each department.

His plan also calls for the institution of tenured faculty veto power in the tenure process. These reform plans have led to much unrest in the ranks of junior faculty members because they fear that blackballing by senior members may ensue.

Assistant Professor Peter Gattschall said that the proposal resembled a "blackball system," and he expressed concern over the situation which "...prizes academic freedom so highly for its senior faculty but doesn't guarantee the same freedom to junior faculty." Gattschalls added that he felt some sort of a student questionnaire might prove useful.

The newspapers of these three schools reflect an increasing unrest among junior faculty members employed by the colleges, as well as in student ranks.

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Center studies polar regions

By ROB HIGGINS

The program in Northern Studies is something you've certainly heard about from the 150 students who take the introductory course, "Introduction to the Polar Environment," each spring. Few people, however, know much more about Northern Studies, an interdisciplinary major which many colleges do not offer.

The Northern Studies Program, a cooperative effort between Middlebury College and the Center for Northern Studies (CNS) in Wolcott, Vt., has been an option for Middlebury students since 1977. The center itself was founded in 1972 by Dr. Steve Young, an adjunct professor of biology here in addition to his duties as director of the center.

The center is located in Wolcott, 70 miles northeast of Middlebury, for several reasons, according to Young. "We have what is roughly a polar environment here in the north-northeast," he explained, "and much of the information we can find here is applicable to polar regions." He added that the location is an economic convenience; it simply would be too expensive to locate the center in a place such as Alaska because that state is so remote.

Although the center is a cooperative venture between the center itself and the college, it is an independent and autonomous research center. Its only real tie with the College is Young, who teaches at both places. Financially, the center is independent.

The Northern Studies major consists of the introductory course, several lower level biology courses, a fall semester-in-residence at the center itself, and a concentration in one of the other physical sciences (biology, geology, or chemistry). The idea behind the concentration in another science is to see that the Northern Studies major does not cut off the student from other graduate school possibilities. A thesis is required for the major, and it usually deals with some aspect of Northern Studies as it relates to the concentration.

The semester in residence at Wolcott is usually completed in the fall of the junior year. Any Middlebury student is eligible, but because places are limited, preference is given to Northern Studies majors. There presently is room in the program for 14 students and there were 12 students from Middlebury at the center this year. All of them are Northern Studies majors.

The semester begins with a week field trip to some region in the Arctic Circle for two and a half weeks. This year the students went to Newfoundland.

When they return to Wolcott, students are assigned regular courses, three major and two half-courses. These classes deal with different aspects of the study of the north. There is a course in field ecology techniques (Boreal forest and tundra ecosystems), a course which deals with the geological and historical aspects of the polar region, and a seminar entitled "Problems in Modern Polar Research and Development." The 2 half courses are entitled "Man in the North" and "Polar Biota."

The educational end of the center began when CNS and Middlebury combined efforts to create an educational program in 1977. Before this, the center primarily dealt with research of polar environments. There are some non-Middlebury students who study at the center, as well as several students from the College of the Atlantic in Maine who were at the center for Winter Term this year. However, most of the students are from Middlebury because of the ties with the College.

One other course which is required for the major is a Winter Term course in winter ecology. "Most tundra studies are done in the summer, the three months of the year when research is feasible," said Young, "and the Winter Term course allows us to teach the winter aspects."

Young said he hopes to be able to make the facilities just a bit bigger and more suited to research. He would like to have about 20 students at the center, thus making the program financially sound, but allowing the present low faculty-student ratio to remain.

CNS and Middlebury have submitted a proposal to CAUSE, the program for comprehensive assistance to undergraduate scientific effort, for money which would allow permanent funding for the staff, provide for additional equipment and library supplies, and perhaps allow for some building expansion.

Young's own background in the field of Northern Studies and polar research is extensive. He is a Middlebury graduate with a masters from the University of Alaska and a Harvard doctorate degree. Young has been involved in determining the future of much of the Alaskan wilderness.

In addition, he conducted much professional research on his own as well as running the center. He also had some say in the recent federal acquisition of the Alaska lands, which total about 90 million acres of land, or about 23% of the total land area of Alaska. (See related article.)

Student reactions to the semester in residence reflect a similar opinion of the program: they work a lot, and they work hard, but the overall experience is a positive one. One of the students said, "We wouldn't have it any other way. It was one of the best experiences I've ever had."

Steve Young, professor of Northern Studies, speaks out on the Alaskan Wilderness. (Photo by John McLendon).

Alaska explored in Young lecture

By JOHN MCLENDON

Much has been heard of late about Alaska being America's last frontier. Many Americans, however, may not be aware of some recent events concerning the future of that frontier. Last Tuesday afternoon, at the weekly Northern Studies Seminar, Steve Young, director of the Center for Northern Studies and adjunct professor of biology, spoke on the history and future prospects of the Alaska wilderness.

In 1958, when Alaska was granted statehood, there was little evidence that this extensive wilderness of nearly 400 million acres would soon be at the center of national attention. The economic booms based on gold and copper mining and salmon canning had come and gone. A few businessmen remained in Anchorage and Fairbanks, while the vast countryside was largely uninhabited, except for some remaining pioneers and a widely scattered native population living a subsistence lifestyle.

Under the Alaska Statehood Act, the state was granted the right to select 104 million acres of the public domain (about the size of California). State leaders were not sure which areas to select because much of the land was still unexplored. So they encouraged exploration. By the mid-1960's, vast oil and natural gas reserves had been discoverdd on the North Slope at Prudhoe Bay. The state quickly selected that area for exploration. It also selected other areas that seemed promising for mineral, recreational, or industrial development.

By 1970, however, further selections had been frozen by the federal government. People had realized that the native population had certain aboriginal rights to the land. This concern led to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, which granted native corporations 44 million acres on which they could live and support themselves.

Another provision of the 1971 Act, Section 17 d-2, directed the Secretary of Interior to recommend additions to the national park, forest, wildlife refuge, and wild and scenic river systems from the remaining public domain. Congress was to act on these recommendations by the end of 1978, at which time state selection could resume.

Conservationists urged that slightly over 100 million acres be included in a d-2 Lands Bill. They called for protection of much of that land under the National Wilderness Preservation System. These areas, within various national parks, forests and wildlife refuges, would be afforded maximum protection from the intrusions of modern society forever.

During 1978, the House of Representatives passed a strong d-2 bill including nearly 120 million acres. In the Senate, however, the bill faltered. The two Alaska senators, Ted Stevens and Mike Gravell, who represent pro-development interests, used various tactics to delay action until time ran out.

President Jimmy Carter then invoked the Antiquities Act of 1906 to protect 56 nmillion acres by creating 17 national monuments, an executive proclamation that can only be repealed by an act of Congress. He also directed the Secretary of Interior to give administrative protection to another 40 million acres by creating National Wildlife Refuges.

This year, both houses of Congress are considering bills which will determine the ultimate level of protection and give directives for management of these various d-2 lands. Vermont Republican Representative James Jeffords and Democratic Senator Patrick Leahy have co-sponsored conservation-oriented bills. Republican Senator Robert Stafford has not.

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Announcements

Pianist, violinist in concert tomorrow

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Eshbach is an honors graduate of Yale College, and also studied at the Vienna Conservatory in Austria and at the New England Conservatory of Music, where he received a master's degree in music (violin). Eshbach has performed in more than 30 states, as well as in Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France. He currently is chairman of the string department and conductor of the string orchestra at the New England Conservatory Preparatory School.

Enos, pianist, is a native of Cape Cod, and now resides in Brewster, Massachusetts. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in music in applied piano from the New England Conservatory. For three summers he was a principla member of the Strawberry Banke Chamber Music Festival in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Enos is founder and director of the Meeting House Chamber Ensemble of Orleans, Massachusetts.

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Hume to be subject of Nuovo speech

Victor Nuovo, professor of philosophy, will speak on "In Praise of David Hume" 4:15 p.m. this afternoon in the Abernethy Room of Starr Library. The event is free and public.

Nuovo, who is the chairman of the division of humanities, has been awarded National Endowment on the Humanities and Ford Foundation grants. He has published extensively on topics concerning Paul Tillich and David Hume and has translated two of Tillich's works for the Bucknell University Press.

A graduate of Columbia University, Nuovo has taught at Middlebury since 1962.

ETV May auction needs volunteers

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The Joffrey II Dancers perform "Continuo," one of the ballets to be seen here March 13. See related story below. (Photo by Jack Mitchell).

Poster art needed for Bluegrass Fest

Someone is needed to design the poster announcing this year's Folk and Bluegrass Festival. If interested contact Mike Harris, Box 2540, Voter E210.

Joffrey II dancers perform March 13

The Middlebury College Concert Series will present the Joffrey II Dance Company on March 13, at 8:15 p.m. in Wright Memorial Theater. Admission is $5 or by series ticket. Tickets are available at the Wright Theater Box Office (388-2665). Concert Series Ticket holders must pick up individual tickets for this performance at the Box Office by 5 p.m. March 12. Series Tickets presented at the door will not allow admission.

The Joffrey II Company, acclaimed throughout North America by critics and audiences alike, has been called by Mr. Clive Barnes of the *New York Times*, "The best small classic ballet company in the country." The 12 young professional dancers of the company participate in a unique program designed to give them the artistic and performing experience to prepare them to move quickly to soloist roles in the Joffrey I and other great ballet companies of the world. The dancers range in age from 16 to 20 years, remaining in the company from one to two and occasionally three years.

The dance company will be conducting a masterclass at the advanced level on March 13, 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the College's McCullough Dance Studio in McCullough Gym. Experienced dancers are welcome to attend, and the public is invited to observe the class.

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The Brandon District Court is looking for students who are willing to act as *guardian ad litems* for students at the Brandon Training School when they have court hearings. No qualifications are necessary. A *guardian ad litems* would visit the student, look over his or her records, talk to the lawyer representing the student and be present at the hearing. The purpose is to have one more person at the hearing to speak for the student's best interests. There is no responsibility after the hearing. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Richardson, Box C2868, 388-4820.

Student teachers must apply soon

All students planning to do student teaching during Fall semester, 1979-80: Please pick up applications in Teacher Education Office, Munroe 122 soon. These must be submitted by March 16.

Times Military writer to discuss Middle East

Drew Middleton, *New York Times* military correspondent on th Middle East, will speak on the situation in that area March 10 at 4:15 p.m. in Proctor Lounge

Deadline for off campus living

All students interested in living off campus next year should see Annie Cappuccino, in the Dean of Students Office, as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 16.

Bearn to discuss medical school

Woodrow Wilson Fellow Alexander Bearn will lead a discussion on Medical School requirements and programs tomorrow, March 8, from 2 to 4p.m. The discussion is open to all students, and those interested should sign up at the Adirondack House.

Bearn will wrap up his week-long stay here at Middlebury immediately after this discussion with a seminar on "The Use of Cell Culture in the Investigation of Inherited Disease." The lecture will take place in the Science Center, room 117.

Times subscriptions now being taken

Subscriptions for the *New York Times* are now being taken by Corinne Corrigan, Box 3363. Price per week is k 65¢for weekdays and $1.10 for Sunday edition. There is also a *NY Times* machine next to the info desk at Proctor that will be filled.

Reminder — DO NOT TOUCH any newspapers that you see on campus that aren't yours.

Designs needed for SDU mural

ON THE WALL! (In the Bandroom)

So you saw the Sistine Chapel and think you could do it better? Anyone interested may submit a design for a Bandroom mural (SDU A, Grotto). Contact Wendy Wright, Box 2996, 8-7855 for details.

Applications due for Directors, JC's

A reminder to all students applying to be House Directors or Junior Counselors: Applications must be returned to the Dean of Students Office by Friday, March 9.

Nepal trip offered for fall semester

Anyone interested in going to NEPAL next Fall for non-academic reasons should contact Wiz Wiswall at Weybriddge House, phone 8-9496. Basic spoken Nepali will be taught prior to departure and information will be available for the necessary visas, shots, reservations, and travel plans — all for the price of a round-trip air ticket from New York City, about $900.

Classifieds

Dear BS: I will jump out of your cake if you dance at my party—JJ

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LOST: Omega watch Saturday, Feb. 24 at Winter Carnival Ice Show. $25 Reward. Please contact A.S. at 8-9414 or Box 3299.

To whomever found my gold Carvelle watch in the vicinity of Proctor, I would like to thank you for taking such good care of it and would appreciate its return. $15 reward! Great sentimental value! Box 2516.

HELP!, I'm still alive; please rescue. Love, Little Martha.

Wanted: the use of a car between March 23 and April 9. Fees negotiable. Please contact Monika Phlal at Forest East 8-6120 or at box 3820.

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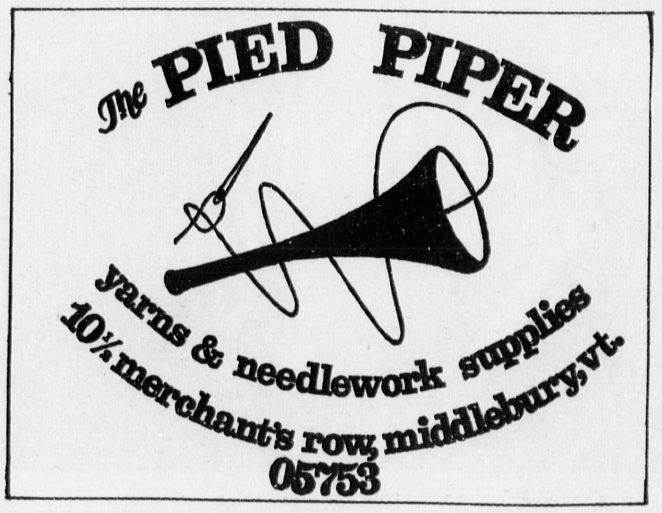
Reward of $200.00 offered for return of long black coat. Contact Betsy Bryan, box 2231, Stewart 421, 8-9357 or return to Proctor Info.

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